



Crop Progress and Condition

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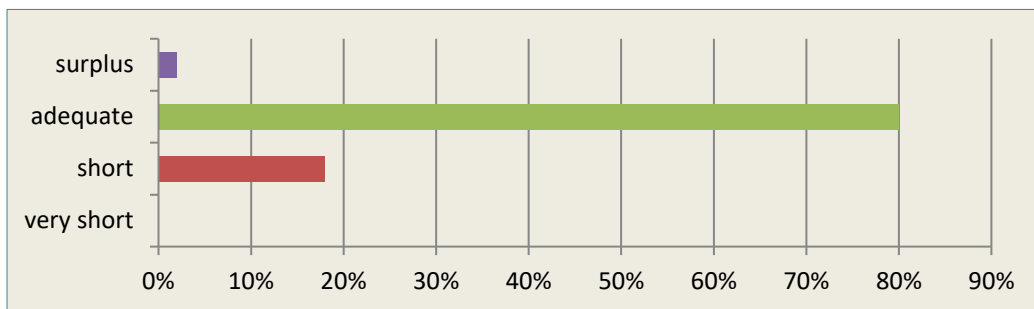
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.2. Weather conditions were cooler with some spotty showers. There are abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included harvesting hay and planting crops. Some areas are starting to have signs of drought stress.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/21/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	18	80	2
Subsoil	-	27	72	1

- Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/21/23



CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 05/21/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	32	65	3
Corn	-	-	31	68	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	9	25	58	8
Hay, Other	2	13	35	48	2
Winter Wheat	-	2	20	73	5
Pasture	3	14	38	41	4

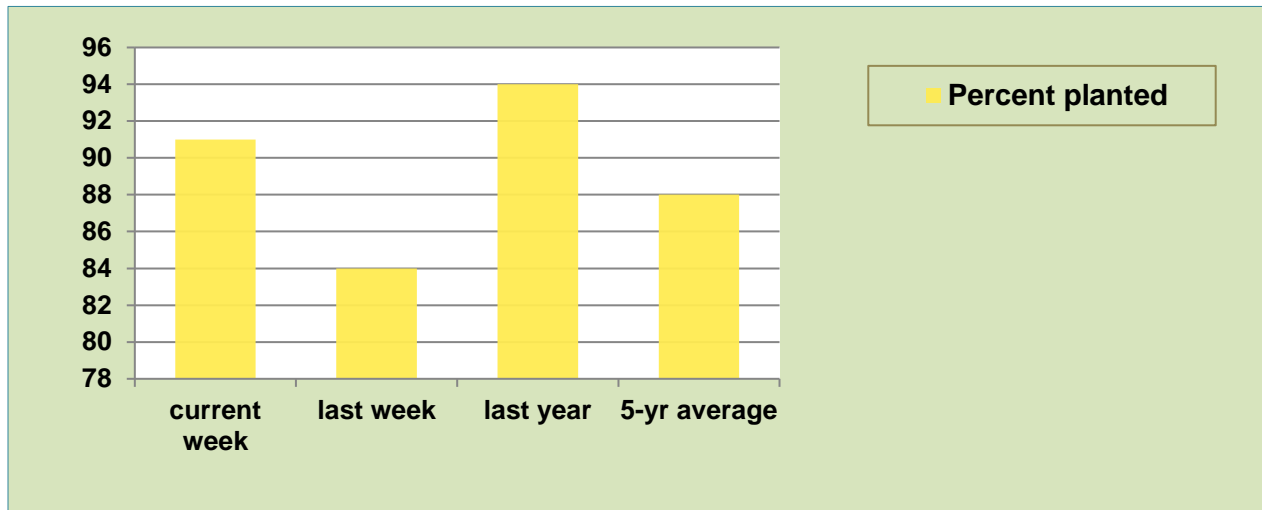
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CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 05/21/23

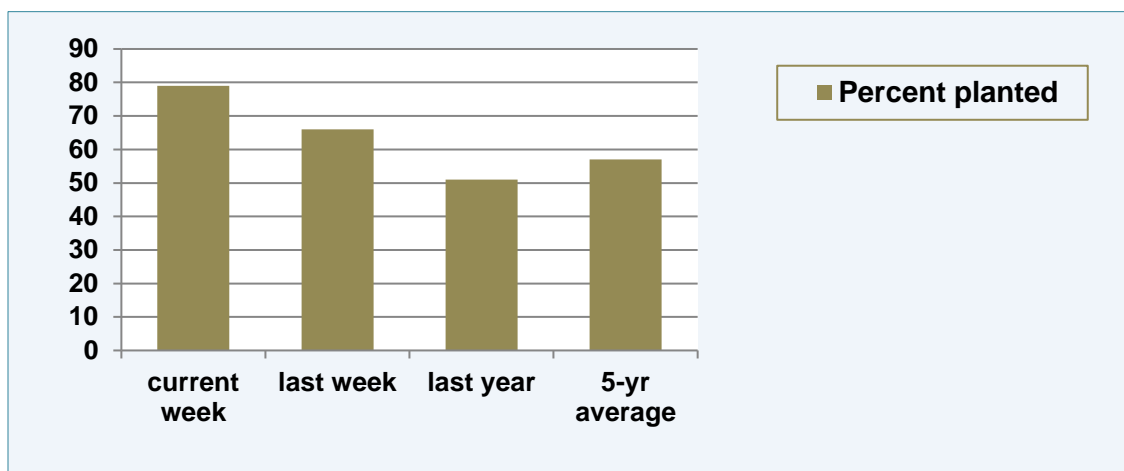
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	5	2	3	-
Corn planted	91	84	94	88
Corn emerged	76	61	78	72
Cotton planted	79	66	51	57
Peanuts planted	70	48	69	63
Soybeans planted	56	45	55	40
Soybeans emerged	23	13	32	19
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	39	24	48	37
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	61	38	52	43
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	70	54	71	62
Winter Wheat headed	96	91	94	91

- Represents data not available or zero.

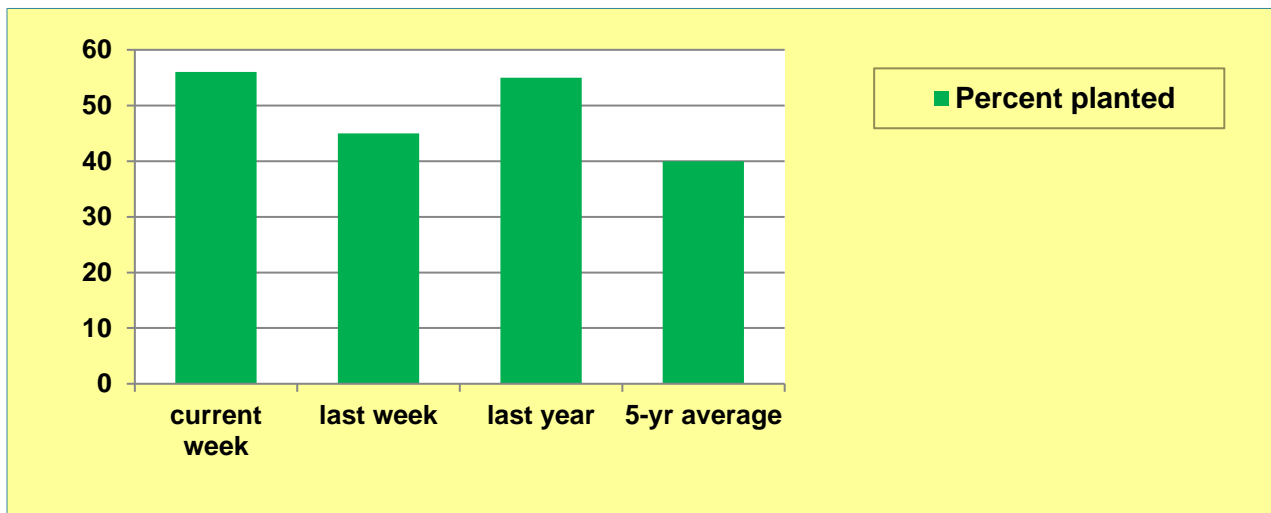
CORN PLANTED for week ending 05/21/23



COTTON PLANTED for week ending 05/21/23



SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 05/21/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending May 21, 2023

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2023 to date	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	74.1	55.7	64.9	+0.3	1.08	7.77	-2.1	13.98	-2.3
Norfolk	73.0	59.6	66.3	-2.4	0.93	7.30	-2.2	12.93	-2.9
Richmond	76.4	56.9	66.6	-0.5	3.15	8.96	-0.9	13.88	-1.8
Roanoke	75.2	55.3	65.2	-1.3	0.57	5.83	-4.0	11.52	-4.3
Wash/Dulles	76.9	50.9	63.9	-0.6	0.29	5.91	-4.2	9.54	-6.1

*Normals value based on 1991-2020 normals data. Source: NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center <https://www.sercc.com/>.