



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions were warm with scattered rain and storms. The rains have been beneficial to crops and pastures, but the heat and humidity has delayed some crop progress. There are abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included planting double crop soybeans and topping tobacco.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/16/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	12	73	12
Subsoil	6	13	71	10

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 07/16/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	1	9	17	62	11
Cotton	-	-	4	95	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	10	29	53	8
Hay, Other	1	8	36	50	5
Pasture	2	16	35	43	4
Peanuts	-	-	4	96	-
Soybeans	1	3	30	61	5
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	4	93	3
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	2	6	83	9
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	3	19	70	8

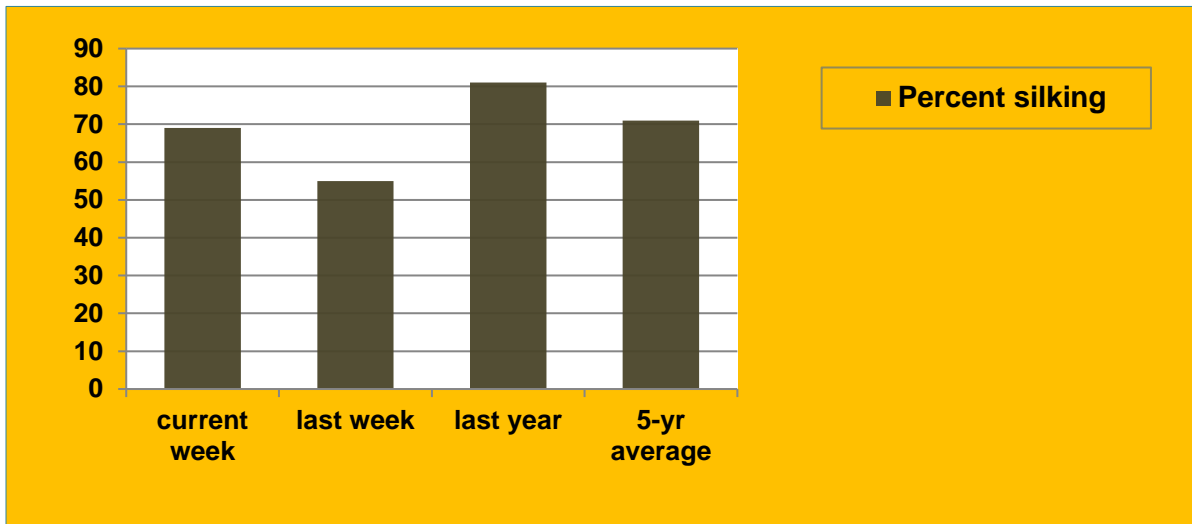
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CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 07/16/23

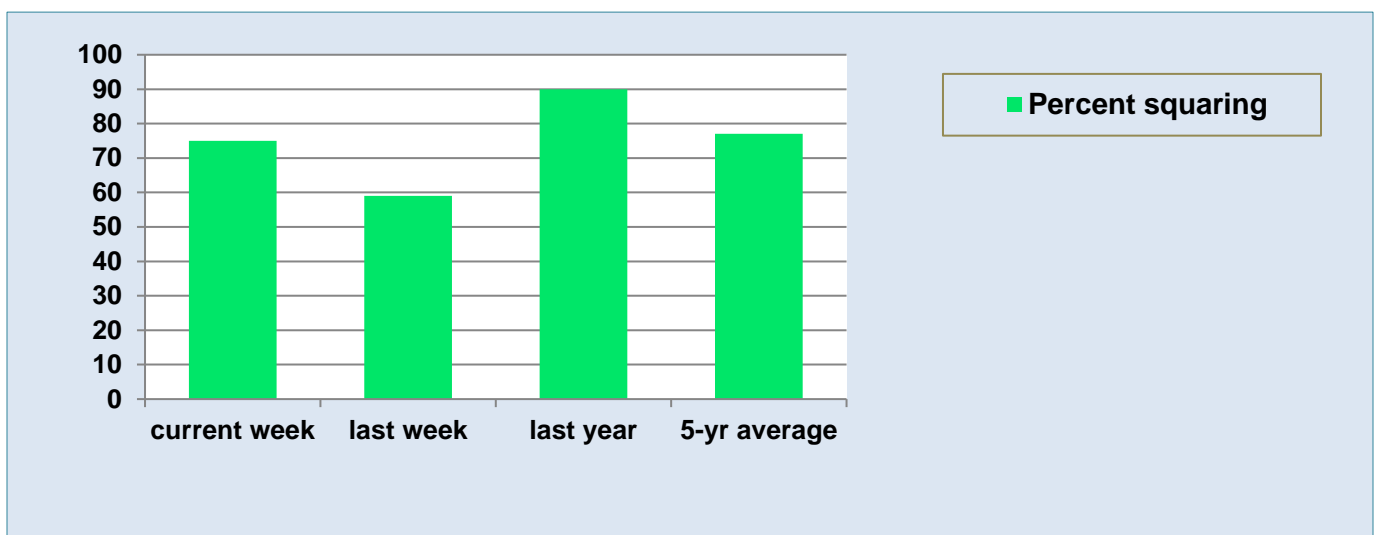
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	4	-	4	5
Corn silking	69	55	81	71
Corn dough	30	13	41	32
Corn dented	8	-	17	-
Cotton squaring	75	59	90	77
Cotton setting bolls	21	8	48	24
Peanuts pegging	60	46	72	61
Soybeans emerged	96	93	-	-
Soybeans blooming	32	17	55	32
Soybeans setting pods	16	5	16	9
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	95	89	-	-

- Represents data not available or zero.

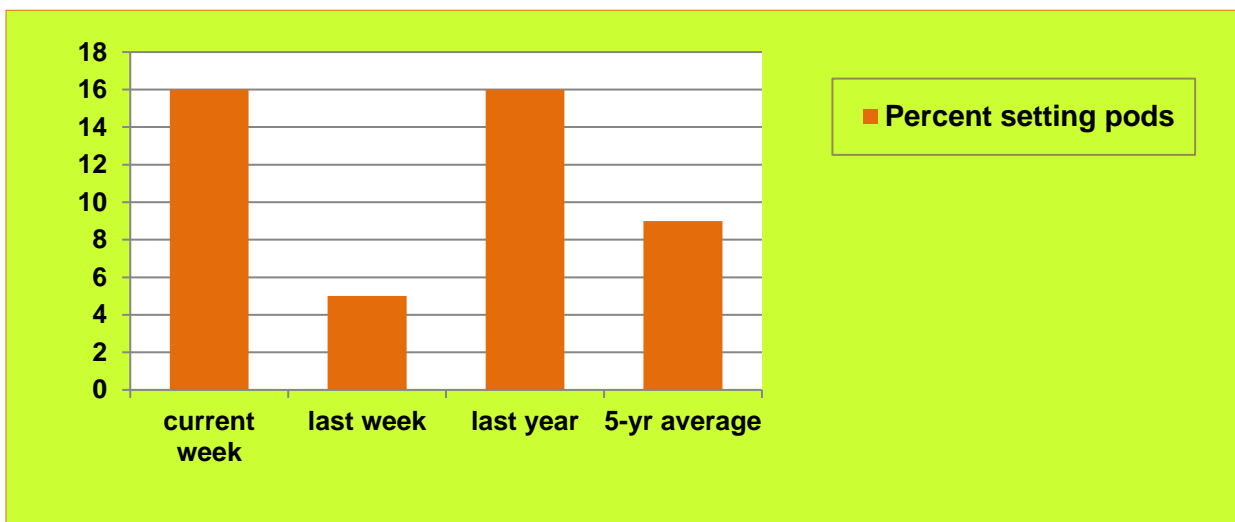
CORN SILKING for week ending 07/16/23



COTTON SQUARING for week ending 07/16/23



SOYBEANS SETTING PODS for week ending 07/16/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending July 16, 2023

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2023 to date	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	88.6	65.9	77.2	+1.1	8.15	14.34	+8.5	28.92	+5.5
Norfolk	89.7	75.4	82.6	+1.2	1.04	10.01	+2.9	24.30	+0.0
Richmond	90.3	71.3	80.8	+1.2	2.27	7.08	+0.2	21.76	-2.1
Roanoke	89.3	67.4	78.4	+0.4	3.06	7.49	+0.6	21.54	-2.7
Wash/Dulles	92.0	68.6	80.3	+2.9	1.61	5.74	-0.7	15.72	-8.0

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