



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions were warm with scattered rain. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included harvesting corn and baling hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/17/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	10	31	56	3
Subsoil	10	38	50	2

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 09/17/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	5	7	23	56	9
Cotton	-	4	7	88	1
Hay, Alfalfa	5	9	33	47	6
Hay, Other	6	20	41	31	2
Pasture	10	18	43	27	2
Peanuts	-	4	9	83	4
Soybeans	2	7	34	51	6

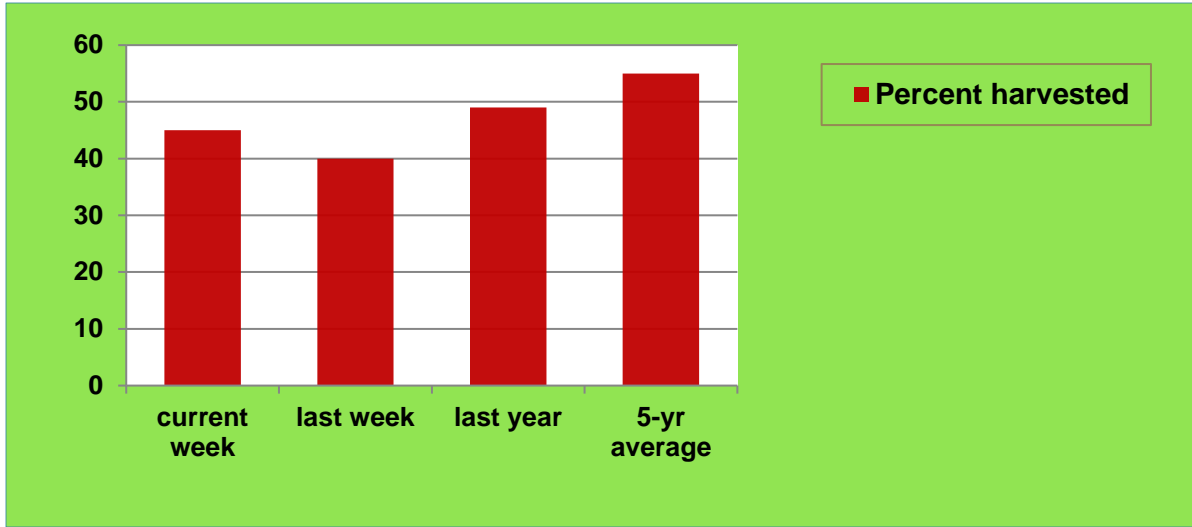
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CROP PROGRESS for the week ending 09/17/23

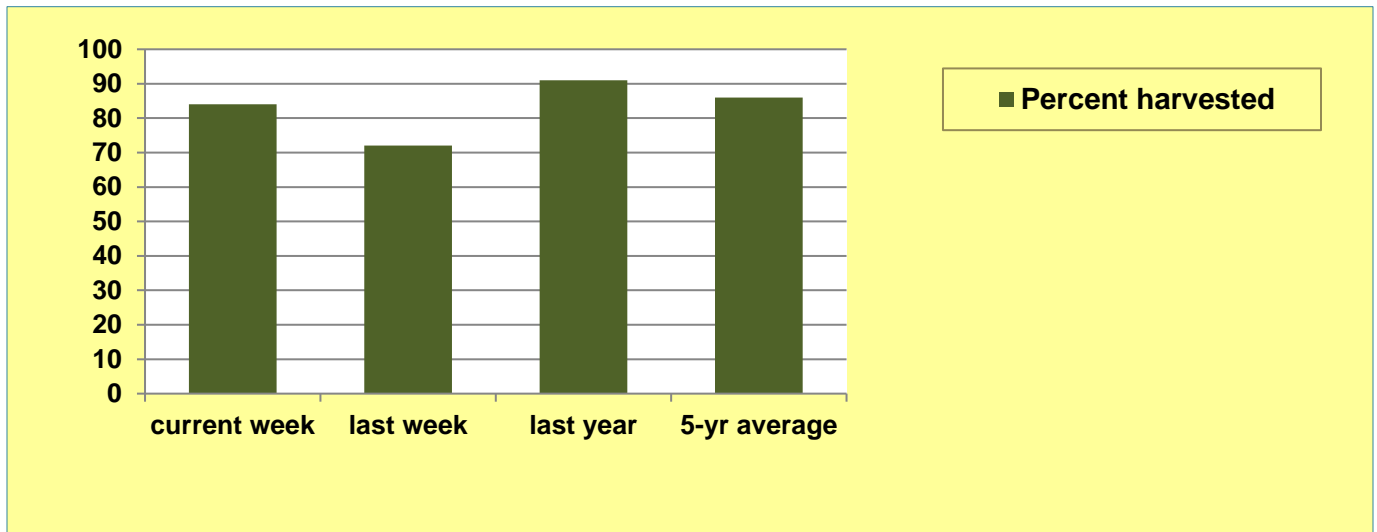
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	45	40	49	55
Barley planted	8	-	5	5
Corn dented	96	93	-	-
Corn mature	86	78	94	83
Corn for grain harvested	51	36	49	48
Corn for silage harvested	84	72	91	86
Cotton bolls opening	64	56	64	53
Cotton harvested	1	-	-	-
Peanuts harvested	3	1	1	3
Soybeans dropping leaves	22	13	29	22
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	93	90	-	-
Winter Wheat planted	8	-	13	6

- Represents data not available or zero.

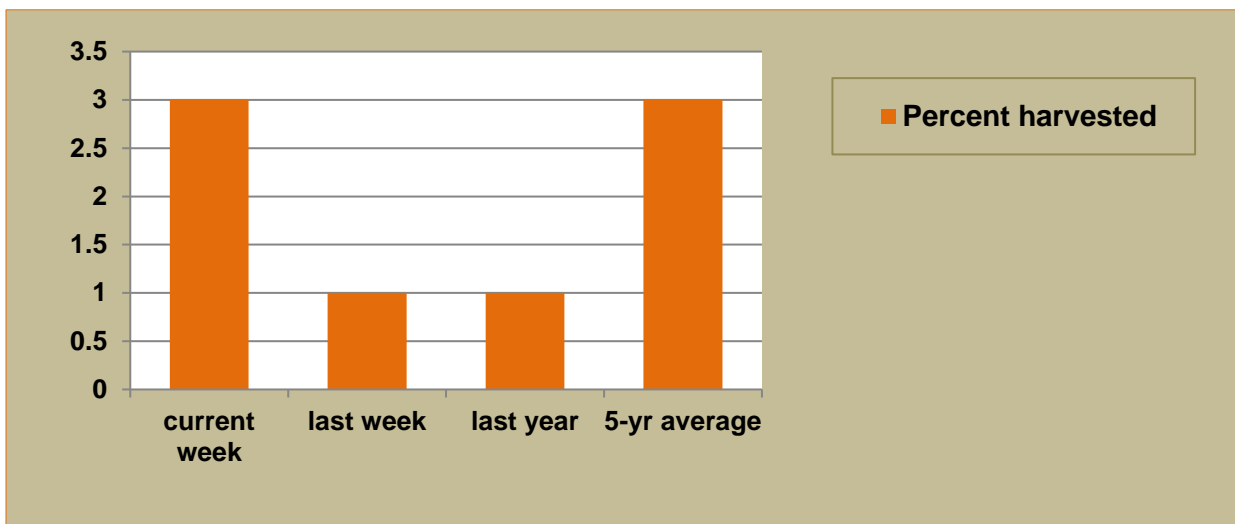
APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 09/17/23



CORN FOR SILAGE HARVESTED for week ending 09/17/23



PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 09/17/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending September 17, 2023

City	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg. high	Avg. low	Avg. mean	Avg. dep. from normal *	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1, 2023 to date	Jan. 1, 2023 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	81.0	58.1	69.6	+0.9	0.47	1.64	-0.6	33.25	+2.3
Norfolk	83.3	69.3	76.3	+1.6	0.01	0.29	-3.0	37.96	+1.2
Richmond	84.9	63.0	73.9	+2.1	0.74	1.39	-1.4	27.61	-6.1
Roanoke	82.1	59.6	70.9	+0.7	0.60	2.10	-0.1	27.32	-4.6
Wash/Dulles	82.7	60.3	71.5	+2.1	2.37	3.61	+1.4	22.83	-8.6

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