



Crop Progress and Condition

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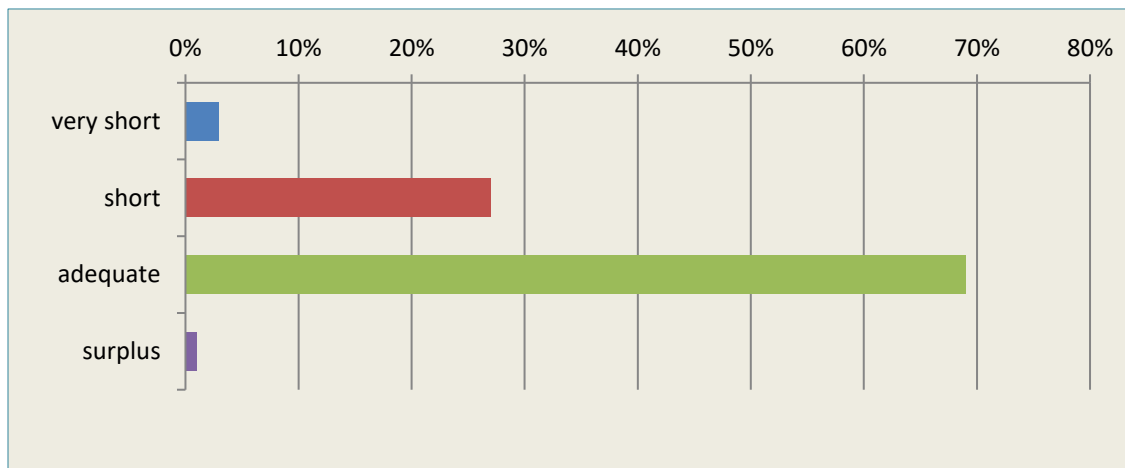
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.9. Weather conditions were cool with scattered rain. Average high temperatures were mostly in the lower 70s. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included hauling water to cattle and harvesting corn.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/15/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	27	69	1
Subsoil	2	33	64	1

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/15/23



CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 10/15/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Cotton	-	4	10	86	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	5	43	52	-
Hay, Other	3	9	48	40	-
Pasture	-	21	42	37	-
Peanuts	-	-	13	80	7
Soybeans	1	8	33	54	4

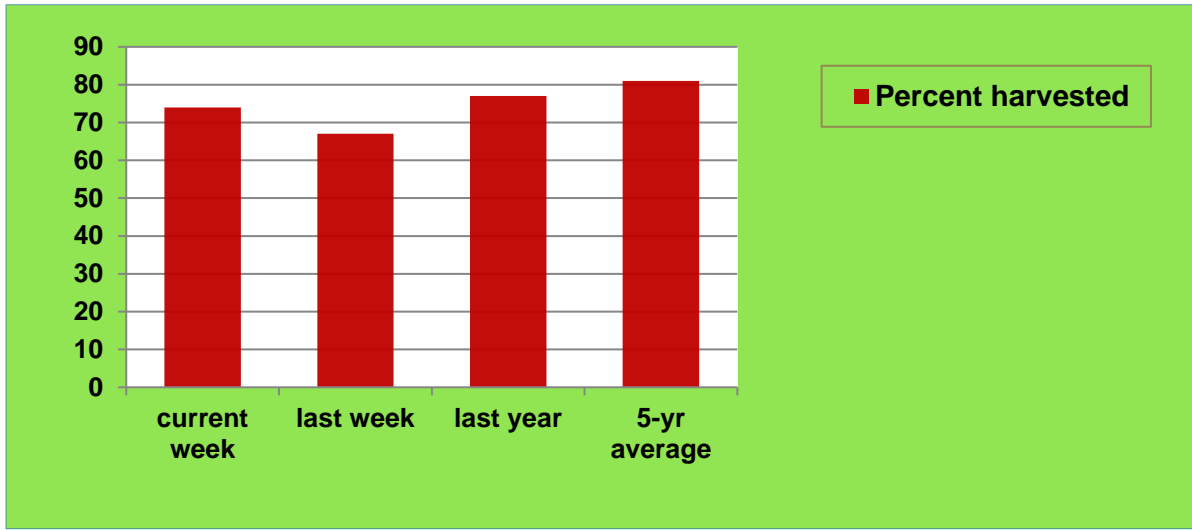
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/15/23

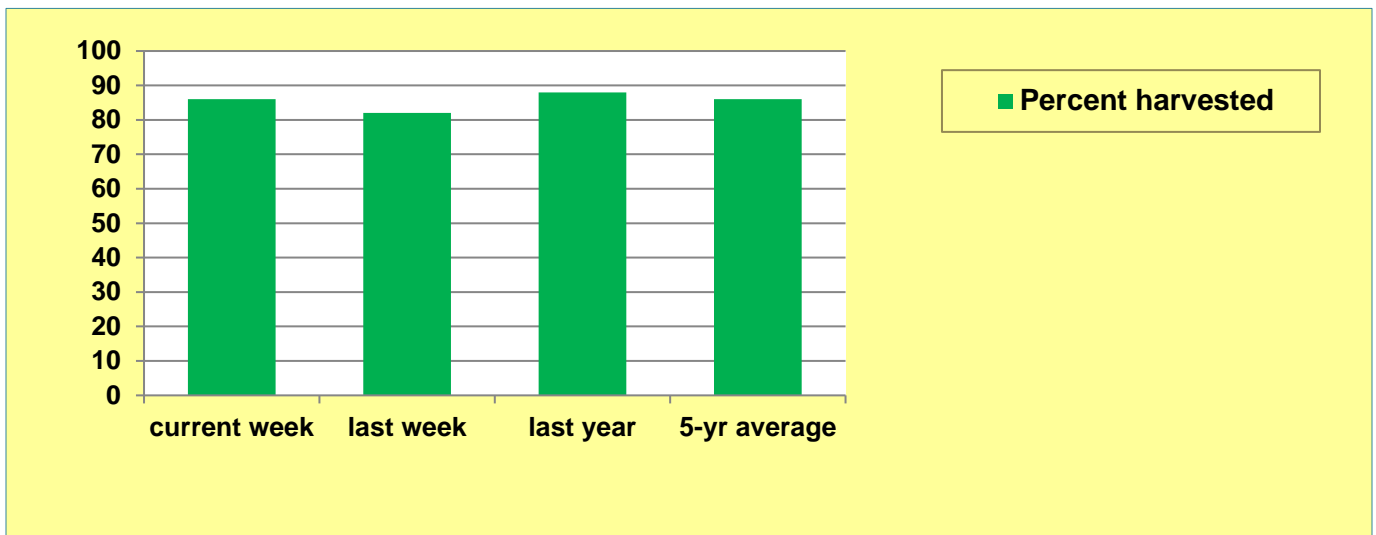
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	74	67	77	81
Barley planted	49	39	46	46
Corn for grain harvested	86	82	88	86
Cotton bolls opening	95	92	97	95
Cotton harvested	24	10	39	25
Peanuts harvested	57	47	73	54
Soybeans dropping leaves	76	63	81	74
Soybeans harvested	17	8	23	19
Winter Wheat planted	40	31	51	39

- Represents data not available or zero.

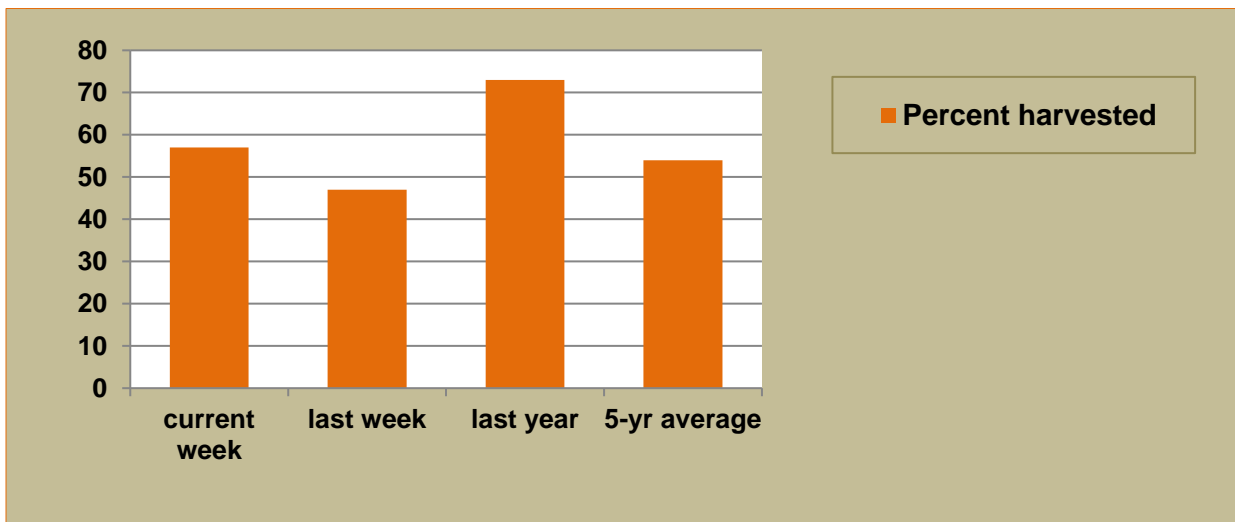
APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 10/15/23



CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 10/15/23



PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 10/15/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 15, 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	69.7	43.7	56.7	-1.7	0.77	4.38	-1.2	35.99	+1.7
Norfolk	70.3	54.1	62.2	-3.0	0.76	3.71	-3.6	41.38	+0.5
Richmond	71.6	48.9	60.2	-1.2	0.54	5.58	-0.8	31.80	-5.5
Roanoke	70.4	47.7	59.1	-1.3	0.46	3.25	-2.4	28.47	-6.8
Wash/Dulles	68.6	45.1	56.9	-1.1	0.34	7.17	+1.4	26.39	-8.6

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