



Crop Progress and Condition

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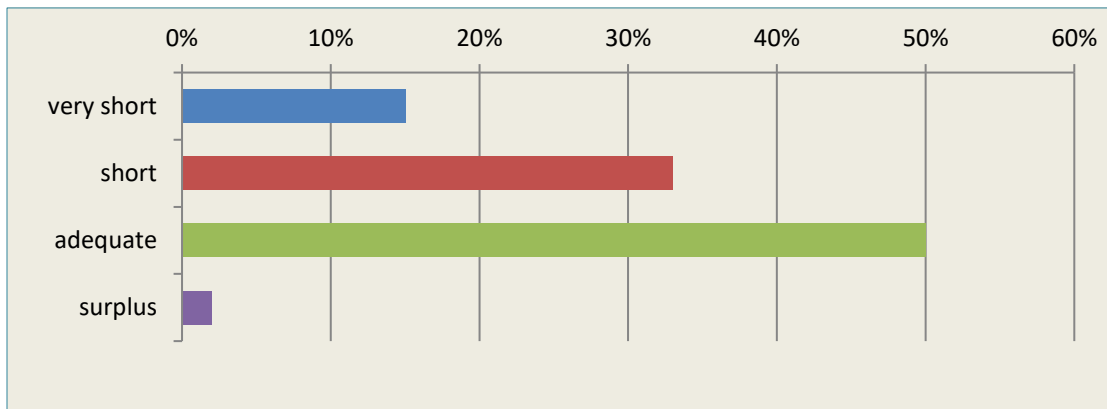
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Weather conditions were mostly warm with little to no rain. There was a freeze Monday morning. Average high temperatures were mostly in the upper 70s. There are abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the State. Farming activities for the week included calving, planting small grains, making hay, and harvesting peanuts.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/29/23

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	15	33	50	2
Subsoil	16	35	48	1

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/29/23



CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 10/29/23

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	1	2	45	48	4
Cotton	-	-	12	86	2
Hay, Alfalfa	4	22	33	38	3
Hay, Other	8	23	30	35	4
Pasture	15	29	29	26	1
Soybeans	4	8	30	52	6
Winter Wheat	2	5	28	60	5

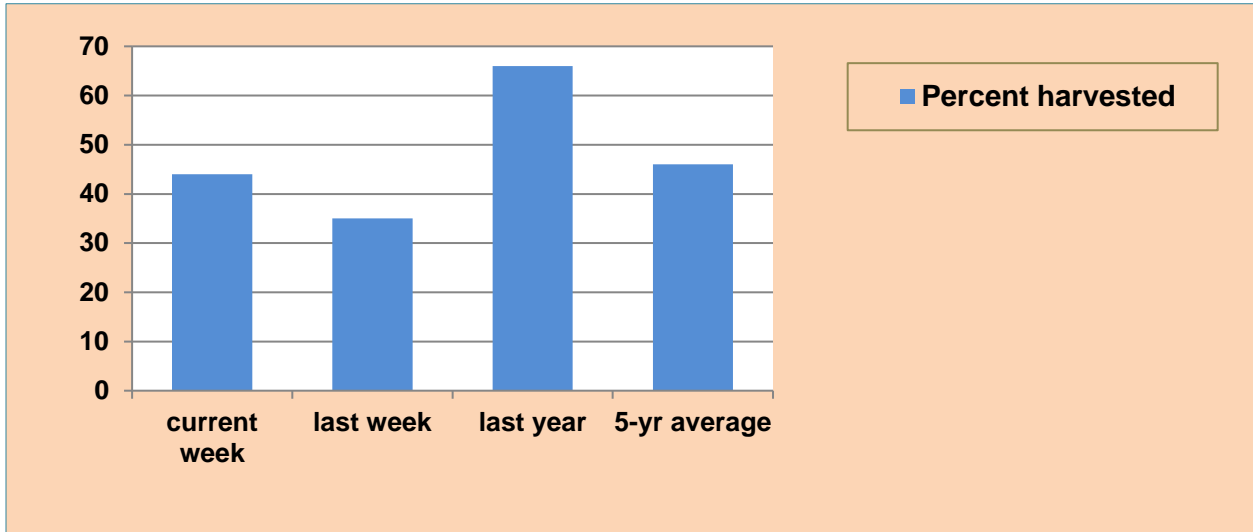
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/29/23

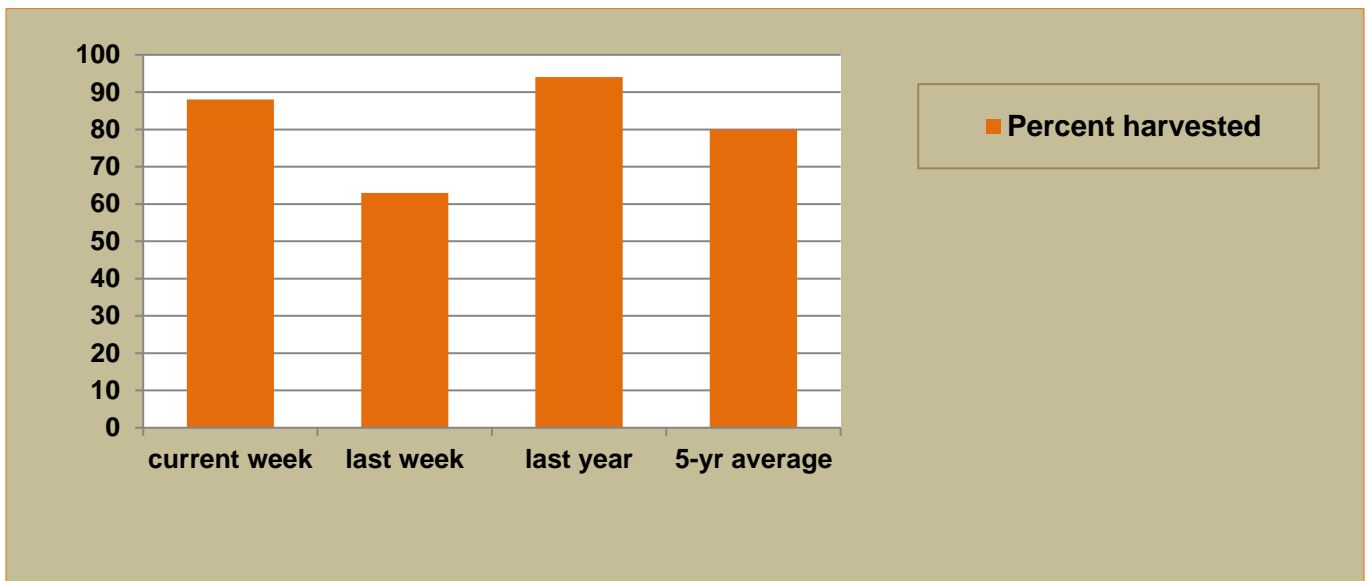
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	91	84	93	-
Barley planted	74	62	69	71
Corn for grain harvested	94	91	94	-
Cotton harvested	44	35	66	46
Peanuts harvested	88	63	94	80
Soybeans dropping leaves	95	86	96	93
Soybeans harvested	37	27	48	40
Winter Wheat planted	55	48	68	56

- Represents data not available or zero.

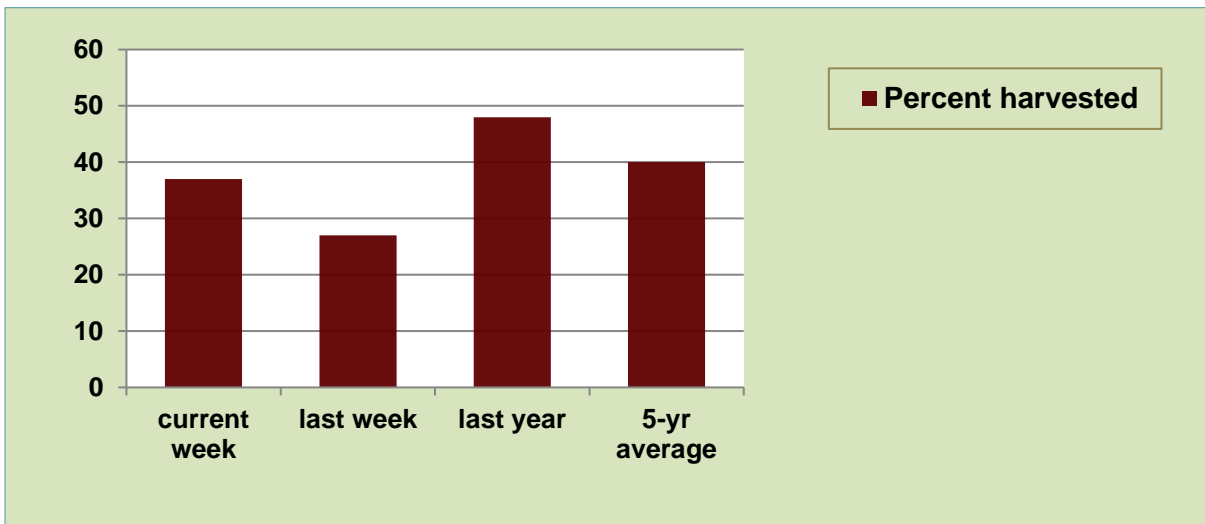
COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 10/29/23



PEANUTS HARVESTED for week ending 10/29/23



SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 10/29/23



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 29, 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	79.0	45.3	62.1	+8.8	0.00	4.44	-2.4	36.05	+0.4
Norfolk	76.1	53.7	64.9	+5.0	0.00	3.97	-5.0	41.64	-0.9
Richmond	78.6	50.6	64.6	+8.3	0.00	6.20	-1.6	32.42	-6.3
Roanoke	80.7	48.7	64.7	+9.3	0.00	3.40	-3.5	28.62	-7.9
Wash/Dulles	78.4	47.1	62.8	+10.0	0.01	7.23	-0.1	26.45	-10.1

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