

Crop Progress

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LATE-WEEK RAINS HELP CROPS

Farmers welcomed much-needed rains at the end of last week. These rains provided a shot in the arm to soybeans, corn and pastures. High temperatures early in the week assisted cotton growth. These same high temperatures caused some stress in cattle. Hay producers took advantage of the dry weather early in the week until they were forced out of the fields by rain. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 7 percent very short, 27 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % August 10, 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	2%	14%	34%	47%	3%
	US	5%	13%	32%	42%	8%
Corn	TN	0%	4%	19%	54%	23%
	US	2%	5%	20%	51%	22%
Cotton	TN	1%	6%	25%	56%	12%
	US	3%	11%	34%	41%	11%
Soybeans	TN	2%	5%	23%	53%	17%
	US	1%	5%	23%	55%	16%

Crop Progress					
		August 10, 2014	August 3, 2014	August 10, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Soybeans - Blooming	TN	83%	75%	65%	85%
	US	92%	85%	87%	91%
Soybeans – Setting Pods	TN	62%	47%	43%	64%
	US	72%	57%	55%	65%
Cotton-setting bolls	TN	69%	55%	45%	72%
	US	83%	68%	70%	80%
Cotton – Bolls Opening	TN	2%	0%	0%	1%
	US	7%	na	5%	9%
Corn – Dough	TN	71%	46%	71%	78%
	US	54%	36%	30%	46%
Corn – Dented	TN	22%	na	46%	59%
	US	11%	na	5%	16%

County Agent Comments

*Soil moisture was lacking during the middle of last week until rains began to move in on Thursday. Corn and soybeans, overall, are in good condition with high temperatures last week assisting cotton growth. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette County had a good week. Hay was being cut until rains moved in Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. All crops look good. The rains that moved in were needed. It was getting a little dry. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*Things are rolling along nicely. The late planted beans got the shot of water that they needed. Cotton was receiving some much needed warmer weather, but once again things have cooled off. Pastures are looking very good and many forage producers are cutting hay. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

*Cotton is starting to cut out. Soybeans, corn and pastures are all getting a much needed drink of water. Double cropped soybeans are very behind and the rainfall should help them catch up if it doesn't flood them out. **Jake Mallard, Madison County***

*Army worms damaged about 1000 acres of soybeans. Replanting underway. **Ricky Mathenia, McNairy County***

*Scattered thundershowers have started to help parched soybeans across Weakley County, where several acres had reached a critical point in development. Producers with the ability to irrigate have been watering corn and soybeans continuously for the past two to three weeks due to a lack of precipitation. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Good rains over the weekend brought one to one and one-half inches of rain. We were experiencing our first time of getting a little dry this summer so these rains were timely and will be helpful to grasses and crops. **Troy Dugger, Hickman County***

*We are extremely dry... We need a good rain for 3-4 days to replenish moisture. **Laurie Mobley, Houston County***

*Finally got some rain this weekend. Maybe this will push the double-crop soybeans above the wheat stubble. **Paul Hart, Robertson County***

*Conditions getting dry in Giles County. **Kevin Rose, Giles County***

*Dry weather has hit and we are hurting. Pastures have dried up and soybeans are suffering. We have a great corn crop, but this dry weather can affect our test weight. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County***

*Tobacco cutting began this week with several fields harvested, but plenty more to go. The rain in the forecast is a welcome sight as most pastures and some crops are showing the effects of dry weather. **Chris Hicks, Smith County***

*The conversation continues to focus on rain everywhere you go. Spotty showers have helped the late soybeans, but the race is on to see if they make before frost. Summer haying, tobacco harvest, and spraying soybeans seem to be the big activities. Corn silage is being harvested with yields looking very good. Higher temperatures and humidity are stressful on cattle. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

*Warmer than normal temperatures prevailed for the week causing most crops to show signs of stress. Isolated showers at the end of the week gave some reprieve to areas fortunate enough to receive appreciable amounts. Rainfall totals ranged from a trace to an inch of rain in some isolated areas. The corn crop is turning and showing signs of drying. Soybean producers were busy applying herbicides and fungicides to double crop beans. Single crop beans are filling pods. Hay producers continue to harvest second cutting, pastures could use a good rain. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

Temperatures are back on the rise, but still lower than normal for August so there shouldn't be any complaining. Rain was reported on Saturday, but in small amounts. Even so, corn is still looking

good with some even starting to dent. It seems that most everyone that is growing soybeans has them in the ground and our local gardeners are enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor. To top it all off, it appears that Marion County will get to enjoy some rain in the early part of the coming week. We have been very fortunate this summer, let us not forget that. **Matthew Deist, Marion**

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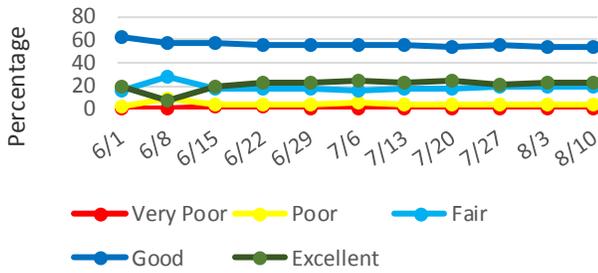
Considerable progress was made on second-cutting hay with several reports of improved yields compared to first-cutting. Corn crop looks good. Double-crop soybeans have stalled in some drier parts of the county. Adult kudzu bugs are present in soybeans as scouting continues. **John Wilson,**

Blount County

Wind storm did damage to some tobacco. The showers are very spotty and some areas in the county have excess while others are still quite dry. **Neal Denton, Knox County**

Some hay and corn silage harvested early this week. Had rain Wednesday night through Sunday every day. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

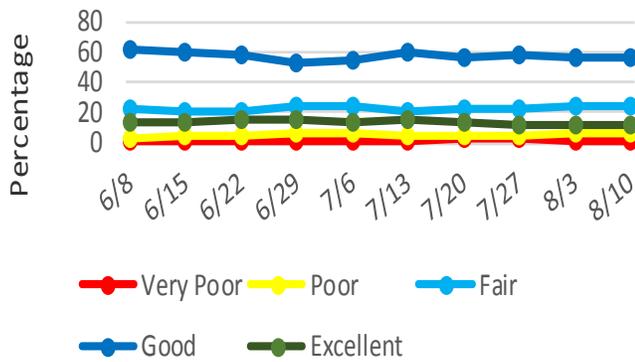
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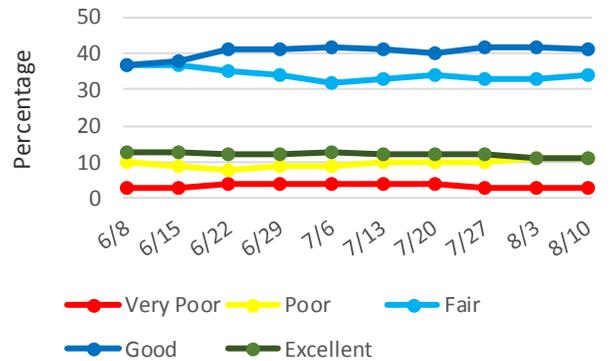
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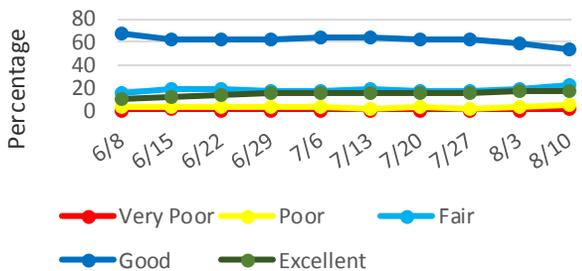
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2014 Soybeans Crop Condition - Tennessee



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