

Crop Progress

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PASTURES IN NEED OF RAIN

Dry weather stressed pastures across most of the State. A good general rain is needed for their revitalization and also to provide needed moisture for fall planted crops. The lack of rain did allow row crop producers to bring progress closer to the 5-year averages. There were 6.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 8 percent very short, 20 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % September 28, 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	3%	12%	33%	46%	6%
	US	6%	13%	32%	41%	8%
Corn	TN	0%	2%	12%	44%	42%
	US	2%	5%	19%	51%	23%
Cotton	TN	1%	4%	24%	56%	15%
	US	5%	13%	33%	38%	11%
Soybeans	TN	1%	2%	14%	57%	26%
	US	1%	5%	22%	53%	19%

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		September 28, 2014	September 21, 2014	September 28, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Winter Wheat Planting	TN	6%	2%	--	4%
	US	43%	25%	37%	36%
Soybeans-Dropping Leaves	TN	58%	42%	36%	62%
	US	69%	45%	64%	71%
Soybeans-Harvested	TN	11%	6%	8%	13%
	US	10%	3%	10%	17%
Cotton – Bolls Opening	TN	75%	61%	35%	71%
	US	64%	58%	57%	70%
Cotton Harvested	TN	2%	1%	4%	12%
	US	10%	8%	7%	13%
Corn-Mature	TN	93%	85%	87%	93%
	US	60%	42%	60%	70%
Corn-Harvested	TN	56%	37%	47%	65%
	US	12%	7%	11%	23%

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County this week were busy harvesting corn, milo and beans. Many also put out defoliant on cotton. Yields are looking good except where water got on fields. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Cotton defoliation is beginning. Producers are very happy with corn yields. I've heard reports of 165+ bushels per acre dry land corn. Also hearing 45+ bushels per acre dry land soybean. The late soybean crop is shaping up to be good as well. Pasture and forage crops look very good. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Excellent weather has helped producers move forward with corn and some soybean harvest. Corn yields are good to excellent with many fields averaging over 200 bushels per acre. Soybean yields are running up to the low to mid 60 bushel range. Long lines at the grain elevators and the large number of loads being hauled are the only thing that slowed producers this week! **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Corn yields are very good to excellent so far. Yields are comparable to last year with some fields yielding 300 bushels/ acre according to yield monitors. Soybeans look good also, maybe close to last year's yield. Pastures need a rain. Cattle are in good shape. **Richard Groce, Maury County**
Soybean and corn yields are good so far. We need some rain for pastures and especially our fall seeded grasses. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Dry conditions have allowed crop harvest work. There has been no rainfall for the past three weeks. Pastures need some rain. Fall hay harvest continues. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

Lots of corn harvested this week. Yields look good. Lots of hay baled this week too. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Weather has definitely cooperated with harvest; however, we need some moisture for fall crops! Corn yields continue to be the best ever. Grain moisture is finally falling into the mid teens; however, elevators are near capacity because of exceptional yields. Soybean harvest increased this past week with yield reports ranging from upper 60 to low 80 bushels per acre. Canola producers are wishing for rain to plant. Hay harvest continues. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Recent .5 to 1 inch rain has slightly improved pasture. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**
Pastures are getting very dry, and armyworms were still being reported in some hay fields. Corn yields were averaging over 200 bu/acre. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Our farmers were busy during the week harvesting corn into the dark. Some early beans are getting harvested before the chance of rain throughout the weekend and early part of next week. Everything is looking pretty good. Y'all have a good week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

Very Dry! Much hay was harvested this week. Harvesting of corn and soybeans gained momentum during rain-free week. Pastures are showing signs of drought stress. **John Wilson, Blount County**
Despite drier conditions, cooler weather has slowed down drying times for beans and corn. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**