

Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on October 14, 2014

Persistent Rains Slow Field Activities; Benefit Pastures Going into Fall

Persistent rains allowed producers only 3.8 days of field work last week. As conditions allowed, growers planted winter wheat and harvested corn, soybeans, and cotton. There were reports of light frost in some areas of the State. The rains contributed to cattle and pasture being in good to excellent condition. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent very short, 29 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 12 , 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	4%	13%	33%	45%	5%
	US	5%	13%	32%	42%	8%
Corn	TN	0%	2%	12%	42%	44%
	US	2%	5%	19%	50%	24%
Cotton	TN	1%	4%	24%	54%	28%
	US	5%	14%	34%	37%	10%
Soybeans	TN	1%	2%	15%	54%	28%
	US	1%	5%	21%	53%	20%

Crop Progress ⁽¹⁾					
		October 12, 2014	October 5, 2014	October 12, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Winter Wheat Planting	TN	20%	13%	NA	16%
	US	68%	56%	NA	67%
Winter Wheat-Emerged	TN	6%	2%	NA	1%
	US	43%	28%	NA	37%
Soybeans-Dropping Leaves	TN	84%	71%	NA	83%
	US	91%	83%	NA	91%
Soybeans-Harvested	TN	24%	17%	NA	33%
	US	40%	20%	NA	53%
Cotton – Bolls Opening	TN	90%	85%	NA	88%
	US	77%	73%	NA	85%
Cotton Harvested	TN	13%	6%	NA	32%
	US	22%	15%	NA	24%
Corn-Mature	TN	99%	97%	NA	98%
	US	87%	77%	NA	89%
Corn-Harvested	TN	82%	71%	NA	80%
	US	24%	17%	NA	43%

¹Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013, and October 13, 2013, were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012, and imputed estimates for 2013.

County Agent Comments

*Corn harvest is well underway with good yields being reported, and soybean harvest is just beginning. Cotton is opening with producers making desiccant sprays. Cattle and pastures are in very good condition. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette County were able to harvest corn, beans, and cotton this week but on a limited basis. It rained most of the week early in the morning with a few fields drying enough to get some harvest done. More rain is expected this weekend and they say up to 3 inches. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*Once again harvest was slowed by rains. Corn harvest is just about wrapped up with soybean harvest in full swing and cotton getting underway. The aforementioned rains are really helping pastures to be in great shape as we go into the fall. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

*Producers made limited advancement in crop harvest this week between rain events. Corn harvest is getting close to completion with continued excellent yields. Soybean harvest has gotten a good start with yields running in the 60 to 70 bushel range. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

Scattered showers produced moisture for parts of the county but pastures are really getting dry. Corn harvest is about done. There were reports of light frost all across the county last Sunday.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Finally got a good rain on Friday, which will slow down harvest, but will help everything else.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

*Rain stalled field work this week. Hopefully enough rain to jumpstart pastures and stockpiled fescue for later grazing. The race is on for late soybeans to mature before frost. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

*Hit and miss showers for most of the week allowed harvest and planting to continue; however, heavy rains Friday afternoon producing two plus inches of rains has shut down all field activities. Rainfall totals for the week range from 2.0 to nearly 4.0 inches in a isolated areas. About 90% of the corn is harvested, along with about 35% of the beans, and a third of the cotton. The much needed rain will help with fall seeding and digging of nursery stock. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

*Producer's pastures are benefiting from the two+ inches of rain during the week. However, that coin has two sides because our farmers were stuck idle in their shops as they couldn't get their corn and soybeans out of the field. Furthermore, it appears that the forecast calls for more rain... an ambivalent scenario for Marion County. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

*Scattered rain showers this week finally brought some relief to the drought conditions brought on by the driest September on record. **John Wilson, Blount County***

*Spotty showers all week. There were foggy mornings and heavy dew all last week. There was little or no field work. Beans dropped leaves. Need a couple sunny days to get back to row crop and hay harvesting. **John Goddard, Loudon County***

*Soil moisture is very good with recent rains. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County***