

Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on October 20, 2014

RAINS HALT FIELD ACTIVITIES

Heavy rains brought most field work to a halt last week. While the rains had cleared out by Thursday, they left many fields too wet to work. As a result, there were only 2.3 days suitable for field work last week. The added moisture brought improvements to pasture condition. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent very short, 9 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 19 , 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	3%	10%	29%	51%	7%
	US	5%	13%	33%	41%	8%
Corn	TN	0%	2%	12%	41%	45%
	US	2%	5%	19%	50%	24%
Cotton	TN	1%	2%	24%	55%	18%
	US	6%	13%	34%	37%	10%
Soybeans	TN	1%	1%	15%	48%	35%
	US	1%	5%	21%	53%	20%

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		October 19, 2014	October 12, 2014	October 19, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Winter Wheat Planting	TN	25%	20%	0%	24%
	US	76%	68%	77%	77%
Winter Wheat-Emerged	TN	11%	6%	0%	5%
	US	56%	43%	51%	50%
Soybeans-Dropping Leaves	TN	91%	84%	76%	90%
	US	95%	91%	93%	97%
Soybeans-Harvested	TN	30%	24%	22%	44%
	US	53%	40%	61%	66%
Cotton – Bolls Opening	TN	93%	90%	68%	92%
	US	86%	77%	80%	90%
Cotton Harvested	TN	20%	13%	8%	41%
	US	29%	22%	20%	31%
Corn-Mature	TN	99%	99%	99%	100%
	US	93%	87%	93%	94%
Corn-Harvested	TN	88%	82%	70%	85%
	US	31%	24%	38%	53%

County Agent Comments

*Harvest season is well underway for all crops – corn, cotton, and soybeans with good yields being reported for corn and soybeans and decent yields for cotton. Winter Wheat is being planted. Cattle and pastures are in good condition. **J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***
*Rain and wet conditions kept farmers from harvesting until Thursday afternoon. Some cotton was picked and other crop harvest started Friday. The weather looks good going into next week as far as harvest is concerned. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*There were essentially no farming activities this week due to the rains. Pastures are in great shape (due to the rains) as we get into the fall. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

*Heavy rainfall and cloudy weather halted all field activities until late week with the return of sunshine. Producers were able to get combines rolling again in corn and soybeans; however, winter wheat seeding will be delayed until early next week. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Over 6 inches of rain fell across the county this week, which put a halt to all field work. Livestock producers are grateful for much needed rain on fall pastures. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County***
We had over 7 inches of rain last weekend through Wednesday. We can't get through the fields and soybeans are rotting in the field. This will help pastures if this warm weather holds out.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

*The extensive rain event which ended this past Wednesday brought much needed rain to the county, where many areas had received less than 2 inches from mid-July through the first week of October. This rain event, which supplied near 10 inches in places, filled ponds and started some streams to running again. Pastures have greened significantly over the last 2 weeks. Cotton producers have gotten their equipment ready and are set to begin picking as soon as conditions permit. **Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County***

*Another big rain event with 3 to 3.5 inches occurred early in the week. Some field work was accomplished later in the week on upland fields. Soybean producers report damage to their crops but will not know until harvest. Tobacco was also damaged by the standing water. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

*Showers and thunderstorms the first half of the week produced from 3.0 to 4.5 inches of rain, which shut down most field activities this week. Strong winds at the beginning of the week caused moderate to severe lodging in the remaining corn. Combines and cotton pickers began running again on a limited basis on Saturday afternoon. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

*Abundant rains slowed harvesting activity. Pastures are slowly improving with cooler temperatures and recent rainfall. **John Wilson, Blount County***

*Soybeans have lost leaves and producers are waiting for a dry period. Rain last Wednesday has delayed harvesting and winter planting further. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County***

*It rained every day this week. We need a couple dry days to continue crop and hay harvest. Corn and most beans are mature. **John Goddard, Loudon County***

Six inches of rain in much of the area over two weeks have returned soil moisture.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County