

Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on October 6, 2014

Dry conditions early in the week aide harvest

This past week farmers were harvesting corn, soybeans and cotton. Farmers were also cutting hay and tobacco. There were 5.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 9 percent very short, 30 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus

Crop Condition % October 5 , 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	4%	15%	34%	42%	5%
	US	6%	13%	32%	41%	8%
Corn	TN	0%	2%	12%	43%	43%
	US	2%	5%	19%	50%	24%
Cotton	TN	1%	4%	24%	56%	15%
	US	6%	14%	33%	37%	10%
Soybeans	TN	1%	2%	14%	55%	28%
	US	1%	5%	21%	53%	20%

Crop Progress ⁽¹⁾					
		October 5, 2014	September 28, 2014	October 5, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Winter Wheat Planting	TN	13%	6%	NA	9%
	US	56%	43%	NA	53%
Winter Wheat-Emerged	TN	2%	0%	NA	0%
	US	28%	14%	NA	24%
Soybeans-Dropping Leaves	TN	71%	58%	NA	74%
	US	83%	69%	NA	84%
Soybeans-Harvested	TN	17%	11%	NA	23%
	US	20%	10%	NA	35%
Cotton – Bolls Opening	TN	85%	75%	NA	81%
	US	73%	64%	NA	79%
Cotton Harvested	TN	6%	2%	NA	22%
	US	15%	10%	NA	18%
Corn-Mature	TN	97%	93%	NA	97%
	US	77%	60%	NA	81%
Corn-Harvested	TN	71%	56%	NA	74%
	US	17%	12%	NA	32%

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

The farmers in Fayette County were busy harvesting corn and beans this week, with some even starting cotton harvest. Other field work included defoliation. A front moved in Thursday and rain and cool weather resulted. Rain amounts varied. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Corn (dry land yields 165+ bu./acre) harvest is in full swing along with soybeans (dry land yields 50+ bu./acre). Producers are well-pleased with yields. Cotton defoliation is also taking place. Pastures received a good shot of water, and cattle are looking good heading into fall. Hay producers are wrapping up final cuttings. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

All crops are yielding great. It is a slow go in grain due to the high volume being produced.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

Thunderstorms left varying amounts of precipitation across the county and stopped crop harvest late last week. Many producers are finishing corn harvest and several are making the shift to soybeans. Soybeans are starting off in the 50 to 60 bushel range, and corn yields are excellent.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Tobacco, corn, and fall hay harvest are going well. Lack of significant rainfall during September has hurt fall hay production and pastures. However, we received a few showers on Thursday night and Friday morning, which should provide some improvement. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

The county received some much needed rainfall this week for pastures and fall seeded grasses.

Ronnie Cowan, Lewis County

Lincoln County got about 1/2 inch of much needed rain this week. Most corn producers reporting yields at 180 to more than 200 bu. But creek and river bottom acres reported at less than 100 due to lack of corn from excessive flooding in late spring. **David Qualls, Lincoln County**

Most corn growers are reporting average yields of 175-250 bu. Transportation is an issue as there is a shortage of trucks, and long lines await at the elevators. Some rain early Friday morning slowed harvest but helped pastures. Hay harvest continues although most farmers have full barns and fence rows. **Richard Groce, Maury County**

Harvesting was great all week until Friday. We got .6 inches of rain on Thursday night and it was cloudy on Friday, slowing things down. We need more water on our fall seeded grasses. Soybean and corn yields are great. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Corn harvest is underway, and very good yields are being reported. Early planted soybeans are being harvested. Leaves on late planted soybeans are beginning to turn. Only late planted tobacco is still in the field. The lack of rain has certainly made an impact on pastures. Some producers are talking about having to use hay if does not rain soon. No rainfall has been recorded since the end of August. **Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

A cold front late in the week produced 0.3 - 0.5 inch of rain and dipped temperatures into the upper 30's and low 40's Saturday and Sunday morning. A good soaking rain is needed for fall seeding. Corn harvest continues to progress at a slow pace due to excellent yields, elevators full, and a number of farmers having to switch to beans. Soybean harvest continues to pick-up speed with yield reports from 65 to 80 bushels per acre. Cotton pickers are starting to roll. Canola producers are taking advantage of latest moisture. Pastures need a good soaking.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Still a bit of corn in the field. Rain at the end of the week dampened harvesting progress and the rain due on Monday will likely do it again. Early beans are being harvested, but the moisture seemed to kick back up with the cooler temperatures, which presented some problems. Pastures needed the rain as the prominent fescue starts its last growth spurt. Producers are soil testing, liming their fields, and some are spraying to keep those buttercups at bay for next spring. Y'all have a good week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

Rain late in the week is much needed, we have not had any in Pickett County in about 3-4 weeks. Pastures are getting dry. The dry weather has allowed most everyone to get another cutting on hay fields. **Billy Garrett, Pickett County**

Still dry. Hay Harvest winding down. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Lots of corn harvested this week. Last cutting of hay is near completion. Last 2 weeks has been dry. It's raining now as I type this. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Conditions are dry, limiting pasture growth. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**