

## Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on November 3, 2014

### PRODUCERS CONTINUE TO PLANT, HARVEST; SNOWFALL HITS PARTS OF STATE

In the 4.4 days suitable for field work, producers made progress planting spring crops and harvesting fall crops. Crop yields are still strong and cattle and pastures look good. East Tennessee had its earliest measurable snowfall since 1925. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % November 2 , 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	1%	10%	33%	50%	6%
	US	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cotton	TN	1%	2%	24%	55%	18%
	US	6%	12%	34%	37%	11%
Wheat	TN	0%	1%	23%	60%	16%
	US	2%	5%	34%	50%	9%

Crop Progress					
		November 2, 2014	October 26, 2014	November 2, 2013	5 Yr. Average
Winter Wheat Planting	TN	60%	43%	37%	53%
	US	90%	84%	90%	89%
Winter Wheat-Emerged	TN	30%	20%	17%	25%
	US	77%	67%	76%	72%
Soybeans-Harvested	TN	62%	49%	45%	66%
	US	83%	70%	85%	83%
Cotton Harvested	TN	52%	36%	20%	59%
	US	50%	42%	42%	51%
Corn-Harvested	TN	96%	94%	87%	94%
	US	65%	46%	71%	73%

### *County Agent Comments*

*The farmers in Fayette County again had a great week of harvest and wheat planting. Temperatures dropped into the low 30's Friday night. Some places received a little rain on Thursday night but nothing major. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

Harvest was steadily moving along until rains shut it down. The county also experienced frost. The cotton crop appears to be fairly well considering that the growing season weather was not conducive for the crop. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Freeze forecast for Saturday night. Ron Blair, Henderson County

Rain and cloudy weather has slowed down the harvest this week. All crops yields are good to great. **Jake Mallard, Madison County**

Good harvest and wheat seeding progress was made early in the week with rainfall halting field work on Monday night. Rainfall averaged .3" up to 1.3" across the county. Some harvest efforts resumed on Thursday afternoon only to get another round of light precipitation late that night and early Friday morning. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Soybean harvest continues with very good yields reported. Most farm storage is at or near capacity. Cattle and pastures look good. **Richard Groce, Maury County**

The week began with temperatures in the eighties but ended with a hard freeze and snow flurries. Rain showers ahead of a cold front at weeks' end produced from .25 to .55 inch of rain. As the front moved through, temperatures fell, producing a few snow showers Friday evening, with accumulations of less than an inch on the Plateau. A killing freeze occurred Sunday morning as temperatures plummeted to the mid to upper 20's. Soybean and cotton harvest continues as weather permits. While the combines were idle, wheat producers were busy planting. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Lots of corn harvested this week. Cool nights and mild days all week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Moderate temperatures have allowed pastures to remain active through October.

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

Lauderdale County producers are close to finishing corn harvest with soybeans and cotton well underway. Rains continue to slow harvest. Good yields continue to be reported. Cattle are in excellent condition. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

Recent rains have slowed soybean harvest and wheat planting. Low temperatures reached 29 degrees over the weekend for the first freeze of the season. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Pastures have improved with recent rains. Hay is being fed by some producers in the drier parts of the county. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Conditions have dried off, allowing field traffic to resume but the soybean harvest has yet to pick back up. Most corn is out of the fields and winter wheat is being steadily planted in most parts of the county. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**