

Crop Progress

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RAINS NOW HOPED FOR

The rains that kept producers out of the fields for weeks would now be welcome as soil starts to dry out. A good general shower would help with crop development. The dry weather did allow corn producers to come within 7 points of getting their entire crop planted. Winter wheat is in mostly in good to excellent condition. Producers continue to cut hay. There were 5.8 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 26 percent short and 58 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 19 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		May 17, 2015	May 10, 2015	May 17, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	50%	21%	45%	36%
	US	35%	26%	44%	46%
Corn	TN	93%	84%	92%	86%
	US	85%	75%	71%	75%
Soybeans	TN	37%	20%	22%	22%
	US	45%	31%	31%	36%

Crop Condition % May 17, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	0%	2%	13%	55%	30%
	US	6%	13%	36%	37%	8%
Pasture	TN	1%	9%	31%	52%	7%
	US	3%	9%	31%	47%	10%

Crop Progress					
		May 17, 2015	May 10, 2015	May 17, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat – Headed	TN	95%	79%	87%	94%
Corn – Emerged	TN	67%	41%	73%	72%
	US	56%	29%	32%	40%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	12%	-	9%	10%
	US	13%	-	8%	12%

Moisture % May 17, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	3%	26%	58%	13%
	US	4%	14%	64%	18%
Subsoil	TN	1%	19%	71%	9%
	US	5%	17%	67%	11%

County Agent Comments

*Finally some weather conducive to planting. Majority of corn planting is finished with producers replacing some corn acreage with grain sorghum. Still lots of soybean and cotton acreage to plant. Most pastures are in excellent condition with proper management and cattle are in good to excellent condition as well. **J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette County were able to finish their corn and get soybeans and cotton planted. Rain moved in Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This was a good thing. Wheat is starting to change in color. Other activities included hay baling. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*A week of dry weather wrapped up corn planting, moved cotton planting very far along, and started soybean planting. The wheat looks great with producers applying protective fungicide sprays. Pastures and forage crops are also looking very well. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

*A good week of planting weather allowed producers to complete corn planting and advance soybean planting. Producers have also been busy side-dressing corn, making appropriate herbicide applications and harvesting forage crops. Rains fell late Friday and into the weekend closing the window on field operations. **Jeff Lannon, Weakley County***

*Hoping for rain this weekend. **Joseph Griffy, Stewart County***

*Some corn acres shifted to beans due to weather conditions making corn planting late. Cold wet conditions have turned to hot, breezy and dry. Any showers have been very scattered and short at best. This has caused some farmers to hold up for more soil moisture to help planting conditions. **John Teague, Bedford County***

*Anticipated rains are much needed. **Cynthia H. Zeitz, Jackson County***

*Corn planting complete except for some wet bottoms and some corn silage. Soybean planting is progressing at a very good pace. Hay harvest continues with lower than typical yields. Hay is yielding about 50 to 60 % of most year's first cutting. A good soaking rain would be welcome. **Richard Groce, Maury County***

*We need rain. Haying has gone well this week but everything needs a rain. **Larry Moore, Moore County***

*Dry weather has spurred a lot of hay harvest but there are reports of significantly reduced yields. Needing some rain to spur grass growth. Dry, hard soils have slowed soybean no-till row crop work but tilled fields are being planted with hope for some rain. Still reports of some late corn being planted. Cattle remain in good condition. Tobacco is being set but needs some moisture. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

After two weeks of no rain, showers & thunderstorms at weeks end produced just over an inch of much needed moisture. Planting slowed up this past week due to dry conditions; however it has

been an excellent two weeks for hay harvest. Wheat and canola beginning to turn. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Thanks to another dry week planting of corn is near complete and there were a lot of round (and a few square) bales hitting the ground with reports of average and less than average yields. Rain over the weekend cooled the unusually hot May temperatures for a bit, reinvigorated pastures, and aided crop emergence and growth. A little rain in the forecast for early this week should help both beans and corn, but somewhere there's a hay producer trying bale and barn before it hits. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

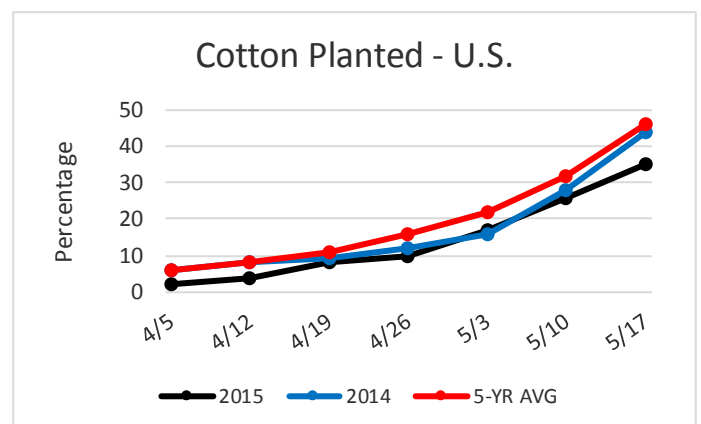
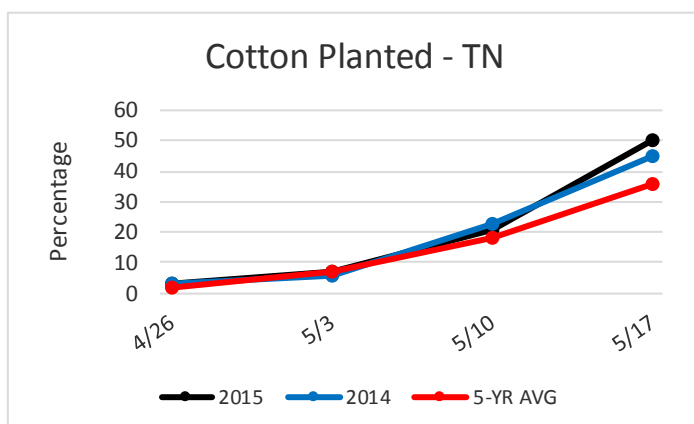
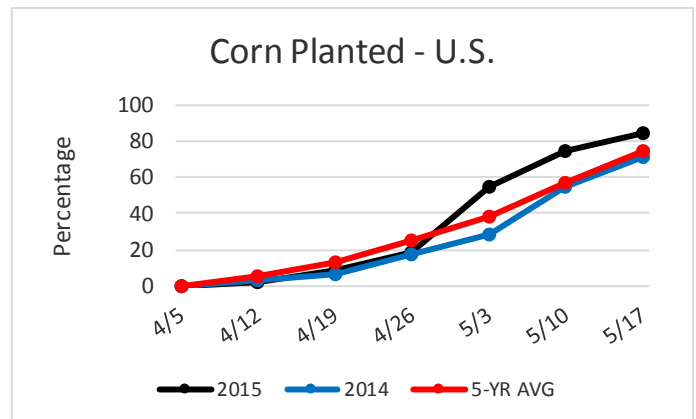
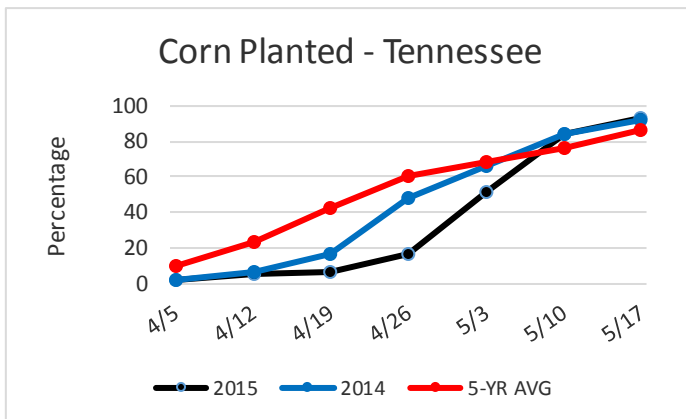
Another dry week with the exception of a few spotty showers near the mountains. First-cutting hay continues to be accomplished with the dry week. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Conditions have largely dried out, allowing for some corn to be planted and wheat to be chopped and baled. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**

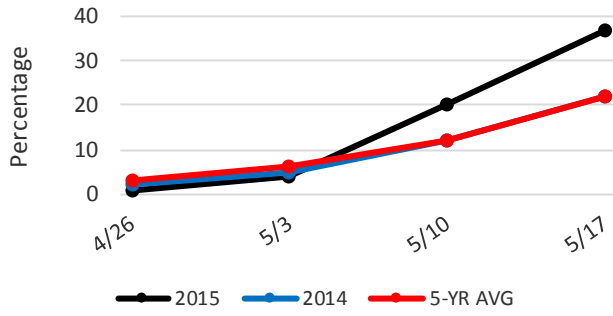
Dry week. Finally we received .3 in. rain on Saturday. Ground is dry and cracking. Corn and bean planting has stopped due to dry weather. Hay harvest has stopped due to false hope for rain in the forecast.. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Producers report that hay yields are down. Grass is mainly stems and little leaf. **Jerry Lamb, Rhea County**

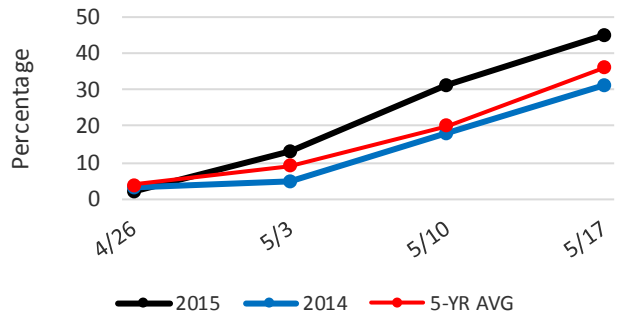
Continued dry weather impacting pasture. **Chris Ramsy, Sullivan County**



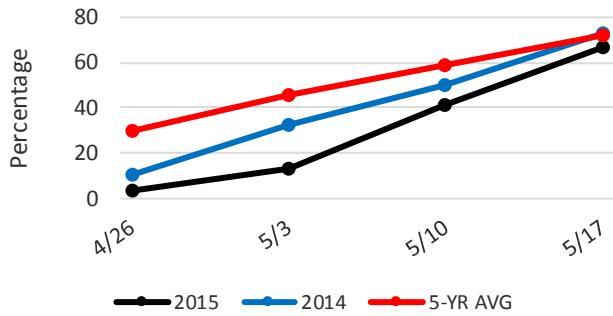
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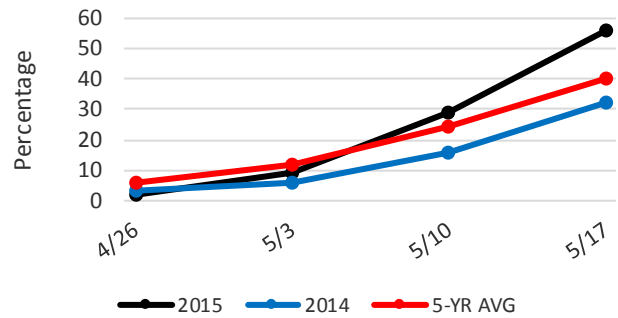
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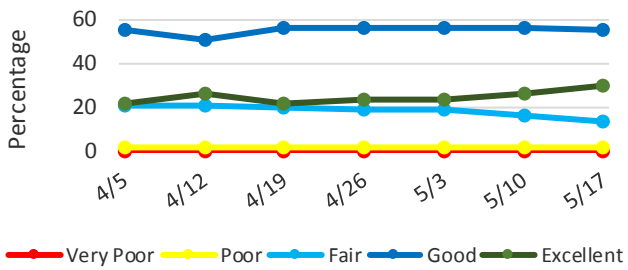
Corn Emerged - TN



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2014 Wheat Crop Condition - Tennessee



2014 Wheat Crop Condition - U.S.

