

## Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on June 1, 2015

### INCESSANT RAINS IMPROVE CROP CONDITIONS BUT HINDER FIELD WORK

Constant rains, while improving crop conditions, have prevented producers from finishing their planned planting of soybeans and cotton, and has strongly hindered hay harvest, especially in West and Middle Tennessee where rainfall has averaged almost 25 inches and over 30 inches in some areas since January 1, 2015. In contrast, East Tennessee has averaged about 15 inches. Weeds are thriving because of producers' inability to treat fields because of wet conditions. There were 2.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 10 percent short and 50 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 7 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		May 31, 2015	May 24, 2015	May 31, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	87%	70%	89%	80%
	US	61%	47%	72%	78%
Corn	TN	98%	97%	99%	97%
	US	95%	92%	94%	94%
Soybeans	TN	49%	42%	52%	50%
	US	71%	61%	75%	70%

Crop Condition % May 31, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	0%	2%	16%	51%	31%
	US	6%	14%	36%	36%	8%
Corn	TN	1%	4%	17%	59%	19%
	US	0%	3%	23%	62%	12%
Pasture	TN	1%	8%	29%	52%	10%
	US	2%	8%	29%	48%	13%
Crop Progress						
		May 31, 2015	May 24, 2015	May 31, 2014	5 Year Average	
Winter Wheat – Coloring	TN	71%	38%	-	-	
Corn – Emerged	TN	92%	84%	93%	91%	

	US	84%	74%	77%	79%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	34%	25%	30%	30%
	US	49%	32%	46%	45%
Cotton Squaring	TN	1%	0%	1%	0%
	US	3%	-	5%	6%

Moisture % May 31, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	1%	10%	50%	39%
	US	3%	11%	63%	23%
Subsoil	TN	0%	7%	69%	24%
	US	4%	14%	67%	15%

**County Agent Comments**

*Rain everyday has basically brought field operations to a standstill. Post-emerge spray applications are active as weather and dry ground will allow. Need sunshine and dry weather.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*Not much happening on the agricultural front. Rain has kept producers out of the field. Corn, cotton and soybeans are in good condition. A few acres of cotton are being replanted due to rains. Some issues with corn in a few areas having discoloration on lower leaves, which may be environmental. Beef cattle and pastures are in excellent condition.* **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*The farmers in Fayette County only planted a limited amount of acres this week. More rain on a daily basis kept fields wet. More rain came in this weekend. Crops look good. Weeds are getting big and will be a problem.* **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*The corn crop is off to a great start. In regards to cotton, several producers are facing a dilemma where late cotton planting dates must be utilized because cotton ground that has already been treated with the herbicide (fluometuron), is only approved for use on cotton, preventing producers from switching to soybeans. There has been little hay harvesting as forage producers have received tremendous rains.* **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*Another week of rain! Planters have not moved for the second week in a row. A small amount of side-dressing of corn occurred this week, with some being applied by airplane. A minimal amount of post-emerge herbicides were applied this week as well.* **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Frequent showers throughout the week brought field work to a halt. The much needed moisture dramatically improved crop conditions all across the county.* **Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County**

*Continued rains are keeping producers out of the fields.* **Kevin Rose, Giles County**  
*We've had rain about every day and can't get in the field. A lot of hay is mature and needs cutting. We also need to get beans planted.* **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Scattered daily showers prevent very much hay work. Progress has been made on planting soybeans. Tobacco field work has progressed. Cattle look good and pastures are still in pretty good condition. Several reports of pinkeye issues. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

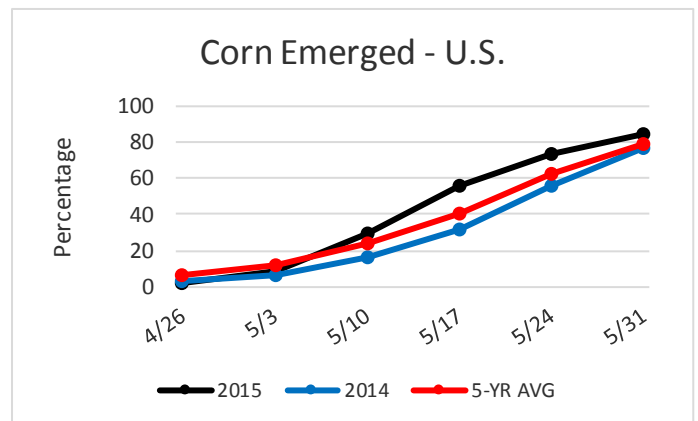
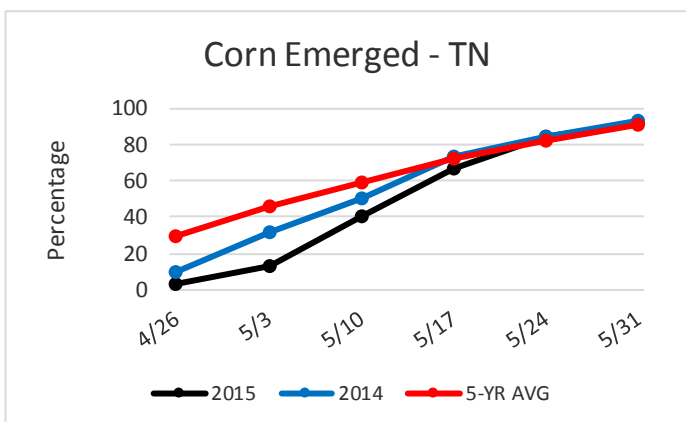
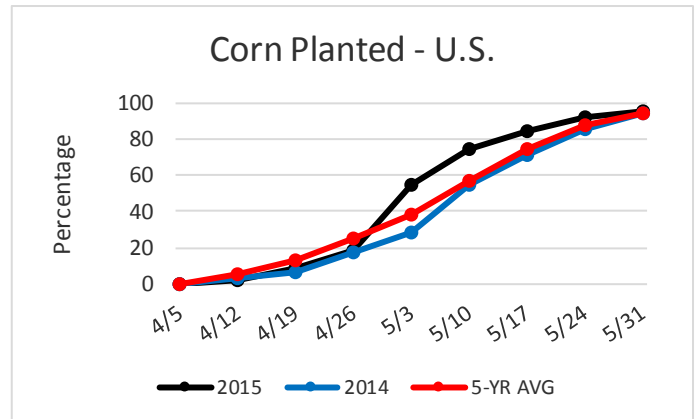
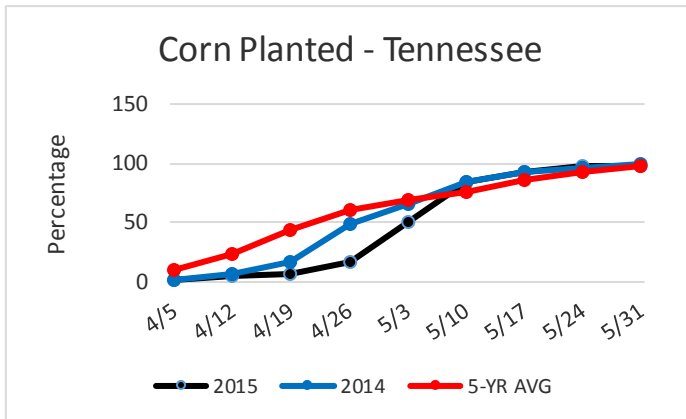
Spotty, isolated showers throughout the week allowed some to work, while others were unable to get into wet fields. Rain totals for the week ranged from an inch to nearly four inches, with the bulk of the rain falling at weeks' end. Wheat and canola have all but completely turned and seem to be on normal schedule for harvest. Corn and cotton are benefitting from moisture, producers are busy side dressing corn. Soybean planting continues as field conditions allow. Pastures are in great shape and producers who took advantage of early drying conditions have an excellent cutting in the making. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Approximately 3 inches of rain fell Tuesday in less than an hour, washing some fields and flooding low areas. **Sheldon Barker, Sequatchie County**

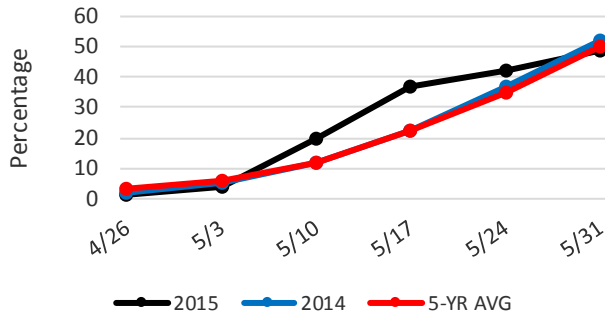
Majority of county has had 3 to 5 tenths of rain total for May. **Milton Orr, Greene County**

Missed all of recent rains. Getting dry. Hay reports are good quality but low quantity. **Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County**

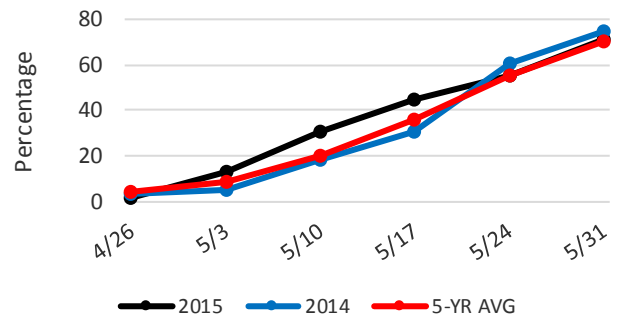
A few spotty showers have helped corn and soybeans that desperately needed a drink. Wheat harvest began this week. Not much hay activity due to weather forecasting rain all week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**



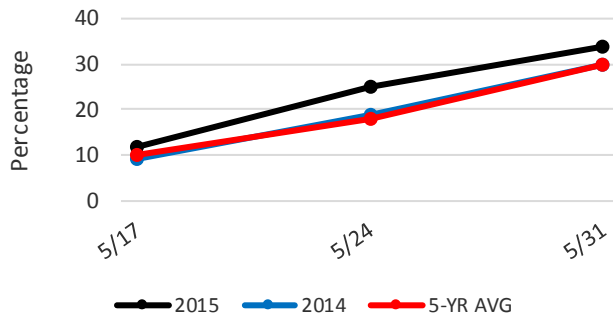
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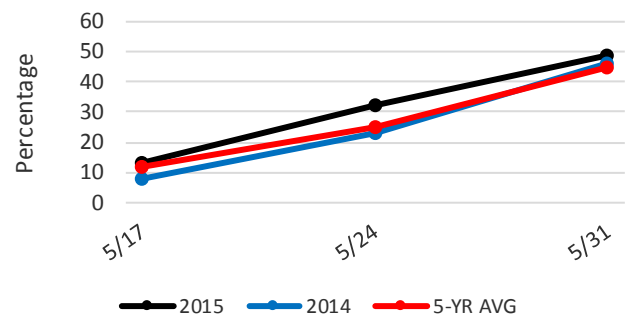
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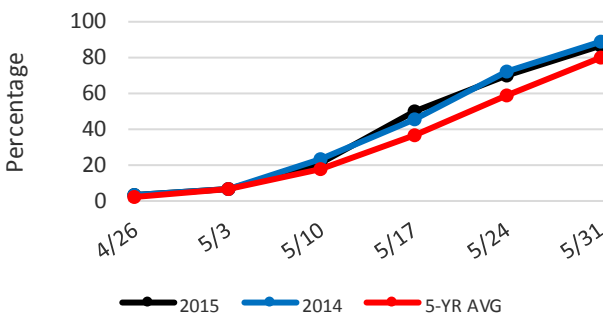
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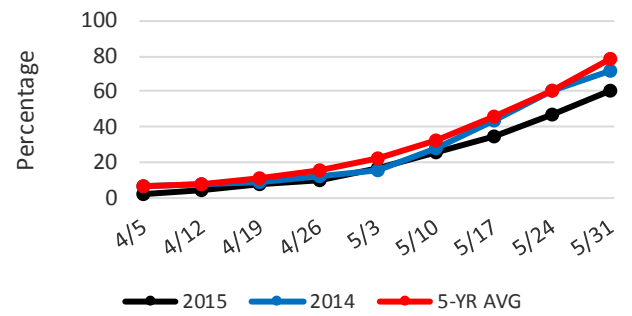
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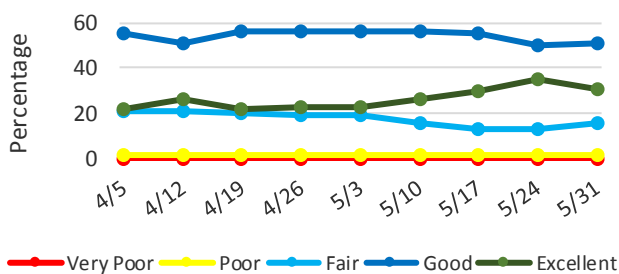
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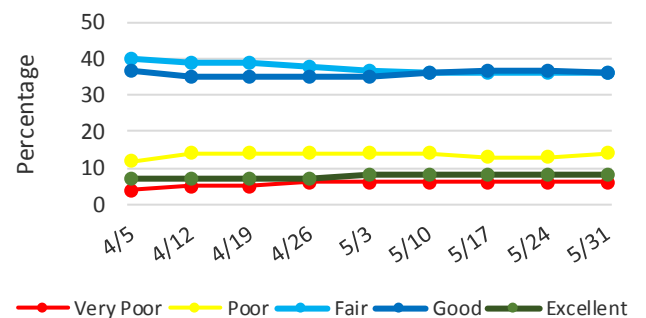
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### 2015 Wheat Crop Condition - Tennessee



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### 2015 Corn Crop Condition - Tennessee



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