

Crop Progress

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GENERAL RAIN NEEDED

Warmer weather allowed producers to finish their wheat harvest and some ground had already been planted to soybeans. Cotton replanting was practically finished while there was still acreage of soybeans to be replanted. Even with the unrelenting rains that kept producers out of fields earlier in the season, a general rain is now needed to improve crop and livestock conditions. Tomatoes are progressing nicely. There were 5.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent very short, 21 percent short and 66 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		June 21, 2015	June 14, 2015	June 21, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	100%	99%	100%	100%
	US	94%	91%	99%	100%
Soybeans	TN	82%	72%	77%	85%
	US	90%	87%	95%	95%

Crop Condition % June 21, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	1%	4%	16%	58%	21%
	US	1%	5%	23%	57%	14%
Soybeans	TN	1%	5%	24%	56%	14%
	US	2%	6%	27%	54%	11%
Cotton	TN	1%	9%	38%	45%	7%
	US	1%	8%	36%	45%	10%
Pasture	TN	1%	10%	30%	51%	8%
	US	2%	7%	26%	50%	15%

Crop Progress					
		June 21, 2015	June 14, 2015	June 21, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat – Harvested	TN	57%	10%	29%	60%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	64%	55%	61%	69%
	US	84%	75%	89%	87%
Cotton Squaring	TN	20%	9%	37%	28%
	US	22%	13%	23%	26%
Corn – Silking	TN	6%	--	7%	23%
	US	--	--	--	--

Moisture % June 21, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	4%	21%	66%	9%
	US	4%	12%	61%	23%
Subsoil	TN	2%	19%	68%	11%
	US	3%	13%	67%	17%

County Agent Comments

Wheat harvest progressed well this past week. Grain quality and test weight have been good. Producers working hard to get harvest completed before significant rainfall occurs to affect quality. Soybean planting behind wheat moving at a rapid pace as well. Corn has finally greened up and looking much better with drier and warmer weather. Cotton has come out of its slump and finally started growing after cool weather. Expect squaring to begin being reported this next week. Insect pressures remain light in all crops. Japanese beetles have arrived. Periodical cicadas relatively light in our area with a few heavier infestations reported in isolated spotty areas. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

It's a too wet, too dry beginning to the year. We are planning to receive rain today which many farmers are looking forward to. Many have been running irrigation this week. Wheat harvest, bean planting, hay baling and spraying the crops for bugs/weeds has been what many have done this week. Corn is tasseling and crops are growing now. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

The weekend rains provided a much needed shot of moisture for all crops. First hay cutting is wrapping up with several forage producers happy with the results. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Producers took advantage of several days of good weather and inched closer to completion of wheat harvest and soybean planting. Good yields and very good test weights of wheat are being

reported with some local elevators paying premiums on test weights of 60 and above.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

With the exception of a few spotted showers, producers were able to get caught up on field work this week. Initial wheat yields are averaging near 60 bushels per acre. Tobacco farmers are now mostly up to date on their transplanting. With hotter and drier weather, and plenty of ground moisture, most crops are really looking good. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatam County**

Really hoping to get some rain today! **Jeri Lynn Sims, Humphreys County**

A dry early part of the week had combines running wide open harvesting wheat. Farmers were also busy making hay and getting closer to completion of the first hay cutting. Late week rain halted all field work over the weekend but helped improve overall crop conditions.

Calvin Bryant III, Lawrence County

Scattered rain, some reports of up to 2 inches over the county, benefited some fields while other received very little. Wheat harvest is going strong. Some irrigation systems ran in a few fields this week. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

We need rain. Everything has begun to hurt. Some places have had showers while we have corn twisted just down the road. May we'll get more rain this weekend. Wheat harvest is going well .Started last weekend. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Wheat harvest is wrapping up and most of the late beans being planted.

Chris Hicks, Smith County

Producers got back in the fields last week to continue planting beans and side dress corn. Wheat harvest is underway as well. Cattle and pastures are in good condition. Tomato crops are growing normally for this time of year. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

Replanting of cotton should now be completed. Soybean replanting is continuing. A few fields have been replanted for the second time. Producers are busy planting, replanting, fertilizing, spraying and harvesting. **Richard Buntin, Crockett County**

Many acres of hay harvested this week and soybeans are being planted.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

It has been very hot and muggy. Some folks are harvesting hay, getting out the last soybeans or spraying row crops already emerged while others can't get into the field to work due to spotty rain showers. Some very heavy localized rain has flooded row crop fields which will probably need to be replanted. Soybeans and corn that were planted earlier look good in general with spotty nutrient deficiency issues showing up. Silage corn and forage sorghum are still being planted. Tobacco field work ranges from setting to spraying and side dressing. Grass continues to be plentiful with summer grasses coming in. Lots of pinkeye reported in cattle but in general cattle are looking in good condition. I know the hot temperatures this week have been hard on cattle and other livestock. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

Wheat and canola harvest in full swing. Wheat yields running mostly in the 80's and canola in the 70's. Producers were also busy planting beans and applying post herbicides to beans. A few acres of second cutting hay was harvested earlier in the week. Scattered showers and storms slowed field work in some areas the second half of the week. Rain totals ranged from .3 to 2.5 inches in a few isolated areas. Strong storms Thursday night produced heavy rains along with high winds severely lodged about 300 acres of corn and wheat. About 25% of the corn is beginning to tassel. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

The northern part of our county has been very dry since April despite many down pours in the southern, middle and eastern parts of the county. Some observed corn plantings are struggling with uneven growth. **David Bussell, Overton County**

Crops doing well but need rain. Weather forecast not suitable for most hay harvest. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

