

Crop Progress

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DRIER CONDITIONS IN SOME AREAS ALLOW FOR WHEAT, HAY HARVEST

Drier conditions in some parts of the State allowed producers to harvest hay, which had been on hold because of unfavorable weather conditions. Cloudy and cooler conditions took a toll on crop development, particularly cotton. Some soybeans and cotton fields were replanted. Excellent wheat yields were reported in East Tennessee. Pastures are in mostly good to excellent condition. There were 4.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 8 percent short and 70 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		June 7, 2015	May 31, 2015	June 7, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	93%	87%	95%	93%
	US	81%	61%	87%	89%
Soybeans	TN	60%	49%	62%	63%
	US	79%	71%	86%	81%

Crop Condition % June 7, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	1%	3%	17%	49%	30%
	US	6%	14%	37%	35%	8%
Corn	TN	1%	5%	17%	60%	17%
	US	1%	3%	22%	61%	13%
Soybeans	TN	3%	6%	29%	53%	9%
	US	1%	4%	26%	58%	11%
Cotton	TN	4%	11%	41%	43%	1%
	US	0%	7%	43%	44%	6%
Pasture	TN	1%	7%	26%	56%	10%
	US	2%	8%	27%	48%	15%

Crop Progress					
		June 7, 2015	May 31, 2015	June 7, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat – Coloring	TN	86%	71%	69%	89%
Corn – Emerged	TN	97%	92%	97%	96%
	US	91%	84%	90%	90%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	45%	34%	41%	42%
	US	64%	49%	68%	63%
Cotton Squaring	TN	3%	1%	7%	3%
	US	3%	-	5%	6%

Moisture % June 7, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	1%	8%	70%	21%
	US	3%	10%	68%	19%
Subsoil	TN	0%	7%	69%	24%
	US	3%	13%	70%	14%

County Agent Comments

*Producers finally got back in the field the latter part of the week and are diligently working to finish soybean planting. Wet conditions are causing nutrient uptake issues with corn, cotton and soybeans. Conditions are ideal for cattle producers as cattle and pastures are in good condition. Rains are causing a few problems with cutting hay. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette County were able to get into the field starting Wednesday and are going full steam before the next rain comes. The rain is estimated to be here later this weekend and most of next week. Hay is being cut and baled, beans are being planted and replanted. Cotton has been slow growing due to cloudy, rainy and cool conditions. I planted a cotton plot May 5 and the other day it was still at 1-2 true leaves. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*Cotton planting continues to lag behind due to major replanting. The wheat crop is maturing very well with many producers believing that good yields will be obtained. The corn crop is up and running with recent rains providing more than enough moisture. Pastures are in great shape with many producers making their first hay cutting. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

*Another week of cool, cloudy weather has made for poor crop growing conditions. Sunshine and warmer temperatures late in the week, however, have improved crop conditions slightly. Corn producers have been applying side-dress nitrogen and herbicides in selected fields based on ground conditions. Some soybean replanting occurred late week as well. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Continued moisture has put most field work 1-2 weeks behind, especially for tobacco transplanting. A limited amount of hay was cut this week. Some early planted soybeans have rotted in river bottoms and will have to be replanted. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County***

*Producers were able to get into the field late in the week for spraying and some planting. Several acres of hay harvested this week. **Kevin Rose, Giles County***

Hay harvest continues with yields somewhat below average on cool season forages. Bermuda grass hay harvest has been delayed and just now beginning. Corn has emerged and looks good except for a few wet bottoms. Most of the soybeans have been planted except for those following wheat. Pastures look good and cattle are doing well. **Richard Groce, Maury County**

We are having problems getting up hay between showers and getting summer annuals in. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Rain and cool cloudy weather early in the week keep folks out of the hay field but sunshine mid-week saw lots of folks begin haying. Later week row crop work included some folks planting and some spraying. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

Producers were busy this week side dressing corn, planting single crop beans, applying post emergent herbicide to soybeans, and readying combines for wheat and canola. Rainfall was hit or miss this week, with a few very isolated areas getting .50 to nearly an inch of rainfall. Warmer temperatures at weeks' end should help ready wheat and canola for harvest in the coming week. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Mostly dry weather during the week allowed for some hay bailing, fence repair, and good ole' vitamin D absorption. Concerning field crops, there are only a few areas in wheat fields where the color hasn't turned. Early soybeans are just over 7" tall while later varieties are now being planted. Corn is looking good, but varying in growth throughout the county. Finally, livestock are looking fat and happy while enjoying still fairly young and green grasses. Y'all have a good week now. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

Very dry! A few locations near the mountains received between 0.3 and 0.9 inches of rain last week. However, much of the county has only had about 0.25 to 0.5 inches of rain since May 1st. Many soybean producers are waiting on moisture to resume planting. Some corn fields are struggling and emerged soybeans need moisture. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Second cutting alfalfa harvested this week had good quality and average yields. Grass hay harvested showed low yields. Excellent wheat yields were reported. **John Goddard, Loudon County**



