

Crop Progress

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CORN AND SOYBEANS LOOK GOOD

Despite higher than normal temperatures across much of the state, crops were reported to be in mostly good to excellent condition. Between scattered showers, farmers applied herbicides to combat late season weeds. A few grain sorghum producers reported problems with worms. Rains have kept grass growing, aiding pasture conditions. Hay producers were working on their second cutting. There were 4.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % July 26, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	56%	29%
	US	2%	7%	21%	53%	17%
Soybeans	TN	1%	3%	16%	61%	19%
	US	3%	8%	27%	49%	13%
Cotton	TN	0%	2%	26%	56%	16%
	US	1%	7%	35%	47%	10%
Pasture	TN	1%	7%	24%	60%	8%
	US	3%	9%	27%	49%	12%
Crop Progress						
		July 26, 2015	July 19, 2015	July 26, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Blooming	TN	62%	44%	62%	63%	
	US	71%	56%	74%	72%	
Soybeans Setting Pods	TN	36%	20%	30%	35%	
	US	34%	17%	35%	31%	
Cotton Squaring	TN	87%	75%	93%	91%	
	US	85%	76%	87%	88%	

		July 26, 2015	July 19, 2015	July 26, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	47%	26%	51%	51%
	US	44%	33%	47%	49%
Corn – Silking	TN	93%	89%	95%	95%
	US	78%	55%	75%	77%
Corn – Dough	TN	59%	30%	44%	62%
	US	14%	--	15%	17%

Moisture % July 26, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	1%	16%	67%	16%
	US	6%	19%	62%	13%
Subsoil	TN	1%	16%	71%	12%
	US	5%	18%	65%	12%

County Agent Comments

Some farms in the flood plains of the Obion and Forked Deer Rivers and the Mississippi River are still facing flood water on cropland with a slow decline in flood waters. It is still debatable whether flooded acreage will be replanted or not due to slow receding of water and the ground drying up enough to replant. These producers are also faced with the potential of replanted crop failure if we experience an early killing frost in October. All crops not affected by flooding continue to progress well. Insect pressures continue to remain light. Isolated reports of worms in grain sorghum have been reported. Farmers continue to battle late season weeds, especially palmer pigweed, popping through the crop canopy in fields that appeared clean.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County received needed rain this week. The rains came in around Tuesday night and continued for most of the week off and on. Crops look good for the most part. Farmers sprayed for weeds and insects earlier in the week. Peaches are also being harvested.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

The County received a much needed (2+") rain that should put the finishing touch on dry land early soybeans and corn. The rain provided the cotton and wheat-soybean crops and pastures a shot of water which was needed following a period very high temperatures.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

*Excessive heat has dropped crop conditions this week with soil moisture becoming very limited in some areas. Scattered rainfall has helped crops where precipitation occurred, but left other parts of the county wanting. Some post-emerge herbicide applications have been made to double-crop soybeans this week. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Corn crop looking very good. Soybeans being sprayed with fungicides. Hay producers working on 2nd cutting. **Kevin Rose, Giles County***

*Corn and soybeans look good. Rains have keep grass growing and the second cutting of hay looks good. If the weather holds throughout the growing season, we are on track for another year of good yields in corn and beans and we should wind up with an adequate hay supply. But as we all know, we have a long way to go and anything can happen. Most everything looks good to this point. **Richard Groce, Maury County***

*We've had very spotted rain with some places needing more. It has kept us out of the field in some places while others need rain. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County***

*Some locally heavy, scattered rain events on 3 days this week have supplied moisture to the entire county but in fairly variable amounts. Some areas are plumb wet and others just moist. **Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County***

*Some showers with most of the county receiving about 3/4 inch over the week. Hay harvest, spraying row crops and topping tobacco were the main activities. Producers who marketed cattle this week were commenting on lower prices. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

*Continued above normal temperatures with highs in the mid to upper 90's and lows in the 70's. Scattered to isolated showers produced from a trace to nearly two inches in very isolated areas. Corn is all but made, with shucks beginning to turn on the earliest corn. Beans look good but will need continued moisture to fill pods. Producers were busy spraying late beans for weeds and fungicides on early beans. The threat of showers kept hay mowers at bay. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

*Rain intermittently throughout last week aided crops and pastures, but kept crop producers on their toes as they tried to apply fungicide before the rains. Hay producers started on their second harvest with average yields and everything is still looking green and healthy. You guys have a good week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

*First time in 30 years I've seen corn and beans both in excellent condition in late July! We are blessed! **John Goddard, Loudon County***

*Pasture remains strong in most areas. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County***