

Crop Progress

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DELTA FARMERS EXPERIENCE FLOODING

Some farmers along the Mississippi River dealt with flooding issues as the river rose.

Widespread rains brought much needed moisture to the rest of the state. The heaviest of these rains have diluted applied herbicides, forcing many soybean producers to concentrate on weed control. Cooler temperatures slowed cotton development. Hay harvest slowed due to rain, but pasture condition improved with the added moisture. There were 3.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		July 5, 2015	June 28, 2015	July5, 2014	5 Year Average
Soybeans	TN	96%	91%	89%	95%
	US	96%	94%	100%	100%

Crop Condition % July 5, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	1%	3%	14%	57%	25%
	US	2%	6%	23%	55%	14%
Soybeans	TN	1%	4%	22%	58%	15%
	US	2%	7%	28%	52%	11%
Cotton	TN	0%	5%	36%	51%	8%
	US	1%	8%	34%	46%	11%
Pasture	TN	1%	9%	27%	54%	9%
	US	2%	7%	25%	51%	15%

Crop Progress					
		July 5, 2015	June 28, 2015	July 5, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat – Harvested	TN	94%	83%	75%	92%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	74%	64%	70%	79%
	US	93%	89%	97%	97%
Soybeans Blooming	TN	5%	--	8%	11%
	US	21%	8%	22%	21%
Cotton Squaring	TN	50%	33%	60%	59%
	US	48%	35%	51%	55%
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	4%	--	7%	6%
	US	10%	5%	11%	14%
Corn – Silking	TN	55%	24%	52%	66%
	US	12%	4%	14%	18%

Moisture % July 5, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	1%	7%	67%	25%
	US	4%	14%	63%	19%
Subsoil	TN	1%	10%	67%	22%
	US	4%	14%	66%	16%

County Agent Comments

Farmers in Mississippi Delta bottoms are battling flood waters from backout waters of the Forked Deer and Obion River tributaries due to the Mississippi River being 2 feet plus above flood stage at Caruthersville with more rain predicted for the next 5 days. Currently probably 15-20,000 acres of planted crops are affected and expecting more before flooding ceases.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

*Crop condition is good overall for corn, cotton and soybeans and it somewhat depends on which part of the county you are in. The river is rising with several acres already underwater. Tomato producers are picking tomatoes, but are having issues with blossom-rot, southern blight and cracking of fruit. Cattle are in good condition, along with pastures. Lots of hay got wet last week due to sudden rains. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette Co. have finished wheat harvest and bean planting. Wheat yields were lower than most wanted with test weights all over the board. Crops finally look good for the most part with warmer weather and frequent rains. We have gotten rains just about every week, good and bad. Most of the first cutting of hay has been completed. Rain moved in on the 3rd giving farmers a break on/for the 4th. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*Producers are having trouble with pigweed "flare-ups" due to excessive rains diluting herbicide applications. Cooler temperatures have definitely affected the cotton crop after the warmer temperatures was making for ideal growing conditions. The rains are helping to keep pastures in great conditions. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

Scattered thunderstorms have provided needed rainfall for pollinating corn. Cloud cover and rain events have also helped to reduce air temperature also aiding in the pollination process. Wheat harvest and double crop soybean planting are all but complete. Soybean weed control is a priority now with producers working around showers and storms.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

*We have had rain every day. We have some second cutting of hay ready but we can't get in the field. This rain has made our first planted corn but all crops need some sunshine. Our soybeans are in the ground and up. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County***

*Rain each day kept producers out of the field this week. **Chris Hicks, Smith County***

*Rain showers stalled field work this week. Soybeans and corn look good but could use some sunny days to go along with the abundant moisture. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

Isolated to scattered showers continued to produce an abundance of moisture with some getting much more than needed. Rain totals for the week ranged from 2.0 to 5.5 inches with the bulk falling the second half of the week. Producers were busy trying to finish wheat harvest, planting soybeans, and catching up on herbicide applications to beans.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

*Plenty of moisture down here and most of the wheat has been harvested. Soybeans & corn are maturing right along. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

The rains came as forecast with almost daily thundershowers in most portions of the county. By week's end, pastures were beginning to green-up with the moisture and cooler temperatures. Many cattle producers continue to feed hay, however. Corn is beginning to show signs of improvement and additional soybean planting was completed as weather permitted.

John Wilson, Blount County

Rain every day this week has stopped all field work. Corn and beans doing great!

John Goddard, Loudon County

Finally getting rainfall. The entire county has received around 2 inches. Some areas much more.

Neal Denton, Knox County

Wet weather has helped pastures and row crops but has delayed wheat harvest and planting.

Jerry Lamb, Rhea County