

Crop Progress

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MOST CROPS IN GOOD TO EXCELLENT CONDITION

With the exception of this season's grain sorghum crop which continues to be plagued by sugarcane aphids, most of Tennessee's crops are in good to excellent condition. Producers are readying their equipment for corn harvest which is anticipated to start in a few weeks. Corn silage is being cut and second cuttings of hay are being finished. Rain in some areas of the state gave crops a boost. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 25 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % August 16, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	14%	56%	28%
	US	3%	7%	21%	51%	18%
Soybeans	TN	1%	3%	16%	60%	20%
	US	3%	8%	26%	49%	14%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	18%	62%	19%
	US	1%	8%	36%	45%	10%
Pasture	TN	1%	9%	29%	55%	6%
	US	4%	12%	32%	43%	9%
Crop Progress						
		August 16, 2015	August 9, 2015	August 16, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Blooming	TN	89%	82%	90%	91%	
	US	93%	88%	95%	95%	
Soybeans Setting Pods	TN	71%	61%	73%	75%	
	US	79%	69%	81%	79%	
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	79%	73%	88%	90%	
	US	73%	68%	87%	88%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	4%	1%	7%	5%	
	US	10%	7%	11%	12%	
Corn – Dough	TN	93%	86%	91%	94%	
	US	71%	50%	68%	66%	
Corn – Dented	TN	52%	29%	49%	70%	
	US	21%	9%	20%	28%	

Moisture % August 16, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	3%	25%	66%	6%
	US	9%	27%	58%	6%
Subsoil	TN	3%	24%	66%	7%
	US	7%	25%	62%	6%

County Agent Comments

All crops progressing well. Continue to find more sugarcane aphid in more grain sorghum fields with a few isolated fields reaching treatment level. Most field aphids are present but they aren't increasing rapidly into numbers that require treatment. Producers continue to scout and are keeping an eye on this situation. Beginning to pick up more sorghum webworms, corn ear worm, and yellow striped army worm as corn crop moves toward maturity. Got one good shower this week which was a big help. Need more to finish off soybeans.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County received rain on Monday but when it dried they went back into the fields. Many are still spraying weeds and insects. We are finding worms in milo. Milo is ready on many fields to be sprayed. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Everything is looking good. Non-irrigated fields continue to receive weekly rains.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

A general light rain fell across the county on Monday which improved soybean conditions. Most corn in the county is about two weeks from black layer. Sugarcane aphids were found in the county in grain sorghum this week and control measures have started. Low levels of defoliating insects have been detected in soybeans. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

A good soaking rain on Sunday and again this morning (Monday) has really improved our situation. Crops and forages were hurting but are already looking better.

Richard Groce, Maury County

Parts of the county got a little shower this week. Conditions continuing to get very dry.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

We are dry. Our corn crop is basically done and we'll have a good crop because it basically was made before it turned dry. Soybeans, fall hay crops, and pastures are hurting.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Scattered showers again this week. Parts of county had heavy showers and wind causing some reported crop damage. First corn silage was chopped and yield is very good.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Continued dry conditions is helping corn dry down but everything else could use a good soaking. Producers were busy this week readying combines for corn harvest, which should start in the coming week if weather allows. A few early maturing beans are beginning to turn. Hay producers finishing up second harvest. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Corn is almost completely dented in the county and soybeans need some rain to fill pods. Beans planted behind wheat are just now putting on blooms and earlier planted beans are between a month and two months from maturity. Pastures look pretty good and cattle are still in decent shape. You all have a good rest of the week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

Weather has been great for crops this week. A small amount of rain overnight on the 13-14. Pastures, crops and livestock appear to be doing very well. **David Bussell, Overton County**

Second-cutting hay harvest continues. Crops progressing rather well.
John Wilson, Blount County

Soybeans and corn look outstanding. Corn silage chopping began this week. 2nd cutting of hay halted due to unexpected rain today (Friday). **John Goddard, Loudon County**