

Crop Progress

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LIMITED CORN HARVEST BEGINS; RAIN WELCOMED

Limited corn harvest began between rains last week. Producers welcomed the rain which boosted pastures, thus improving cattle condition. The rains also helped bring a good finish to crops. Producers are cautiously optimistic about yields this season. Silage chopping began. Hay cutting started again at week's end. There were 4.0 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % August 23, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	57%	28%
	US	3%	7%	21%	50%	19%
Soybeans	TN	1%	3%	15%	61%	20%
	US	3%	8%	26%	49%	14%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	17%	61%	21%
	US	1%	8%	38%	44%	9%
Pasture	TN	1%	8%	26%	56%	9%
	US	4%	12%	32%	43%	9%
Crop Progress						
		August 23, 2015	August 16, 2015	August 23, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Blooming	TN	94%	89%	97%	97%	
	US	96%	93%	99%	98%	
Soybeans Setting Pods	TN	81%	71%	83%	85%	
	US	87%	79%	89%	88%	
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	86%	79%	92%	95%	
	US	83%	73%	90%	92%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	8%	4%	14%	15%	
	US	14%	10%	18%	18%	
Corn – Dented	TN	74%	52%	64%	83%	
	US	39%	21%	33%	43%	
Corn – Mature	TN	6%	--	7%	33%	
	US	--	--	--	--	

Moisture % August 23, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	1%	14%	67%	18%
	US	8%	25%	61%	6%
Subsoil	TN	1%	17%	69%	13%
	US	7%	24%	63%	6%

County Agent Comments

*Much needed rain received this week to help finish off all crops. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County***

*Overall, upland cotton, corn, and soybeans are looking good and should have some good yields this fall. Of course, late planted soybeans in bottoms are areas of concern. If we continue to get timely rains, late planted soybean yields should be at least average. Cattle are in good condition along with pastures. Producers are cutting hay. **J.C. DuPree, Lauderdale County***

*We are beginning to see early corn harvest. **Kenny Herndon, Carroll County***

*Timely rains this week will help with development of all crops. A mid-August rain is almost always welcome. **Richard Buntin, Crockett County***

*The farmers in Fayette County had a few days this week that they could get into the fields to do field work. Rain came in Wednesday and cooler weather followed. Some producers are gearing up to harvest corn and milo. Crops look good!!!! **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*A good, general rain fell across the county mid-week with .5" - 1" reported in most locations. Late maturing corn and all soybeans benefited greatly from this much needed precipitation. Scattered treatments for sugarcane aphids and fungicide applications to soybeans were the dominant practices this past week. Producers are getting combines ready for the anticipated corn harvest. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*A couple days of light rain showers helped pastures and double crop soybeans. Tobacco and hay harvests are back in full swing. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County***

*Frequent showers halted field work during the first half of the week, but helped boost soybeans and pastures. Hay cutting resumed by the end of the week and silage chopping began. **Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County***

*We have had rain 4 days this week and it was needed. Our pastures and soybeans have really turned around. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County***

Rain this week, some very heavy, stalled field work. Silage harvest is underway and yields are reported as good to very good. Soybeans are looking very good with high yields being predicted.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

*Several good soaking rains this week have most crops looking good. **Steve Harris, Coffee County***

*Very limited field activity this week due to rain every day except Friday! Rain totals ranged from four to six plus inches this week with very little runoff. Temperatures were seasonal. Corn is progressing toward maturity. Rain kept several producers from starting harvest. Soybeans, especially wheat beans, benefitted from the rains. About 25% of the crop is beginning to turn and shed leaves. Pastures and hay continue to look good, while several producers looking for drying conditions to harvest third cutting. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

*We received consistent amounts of rain that aided crops and pastures. Some reporting locations seeing a total of 3 inches nicely spaced out across the week. Corn has been losing its color for about a week now and soybeans are starting to turn as well. The ground's wet and humidity is high, but we're in great shape. You all have a great week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

*Rained in Overton County every day last week but Friday. **David Bussell, Overton County***

*Rains and winds most of the week damaged some soybeans. Crops are looking real good, and silage harvest is about to start in the next few days. **Billy Garrett, Pickett County***

Silage harvest is underway. Late-planted soybeans are making good progress.

John Wilson, Blount County

Between 1.5 and 3 inches of rain received over the entire county this week. Some minor flooding occurred. Greenest things seen in late August in recent memory.

Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County

3 inches of rain this week! Lots of wet hay baled at first of week trying to avoid rain forecasted for all this week. Some corn ready to harvest as soon as the ground dries.

John Goddard, Loudon County