

Crop Progress

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CORN HARVEST, HAY CUTTING PICKS UP

Producers took advantage of the dry weather last week to harvest grain sorghum and corn. Corn yields are, so far, meeting earlier expectations of a good crop. Farmers are unsure of how the presence of sugarcane aphids will affect their grain sorghum harvest. Producers took advantage of dry weather during the week to make another hay cutting. There were 6.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 6 percent very short, 16 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % August 30, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	57%	28%
	US	3%	7%	22%	49%	19%
Soybeans	TN	1%	3%	16%	60%	20%
	US	3%	8%	26%	48%	15%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	18%	60%	21%
	US	3%	8%	35%	45%	9%
Pasture	TN	1%	7%	27%	57%	8%
	US	5%	13%	32%	42%	8%
Crop Progress						
		August 30, 2015	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Blooming	TN	94%	89%	97%	97%	
	US	96%	93%	99%	98%	
Soybeans Setting Pods	TN	91%	81%	91%	93%	
	US	93%	87%	94%	95%	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	4%	--	3%	11%	
	US	9%	--	5%	7%	
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	91%	86%	95%	98%	
	US	94%	83%	95%	96%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	13%	8%	25%	28%	
	US	22%	14%	29%	27%	

		August 30, 2015	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2014	5 Year Average
Corn – Dented	TN	85%	74%	80%	91%
	US	60%	39%	50%	60%
Corn – Mature	TN	25%	6%	17%	49%
	US	9%	--	7%	15%

Moisture % August 30, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	6%	16%	68%	4%
	US	9%	27%	58%	6%
Subsoil	TN	6%	15%	71%	8%
	US	8%	26%	61%	5%

County Agent Comments

Grain sorghum harvest has begun. Corn harvest has begun. Both on small acres at this time. After Fair week, we will be in full harvest mode on grain sorghum and corn. Cotton and soybeans continue to progress well. Some grain sorghum fields are being sprayed in conjunction with crop desiccant to control sugarcane aphid infestations to hopefully prevent any serious harvest issues associated with the presence of aphids. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

The county had a week of no rain but lower nighttime temperatures has caused cotton to slow down. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Corn harvest has begun! **Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

The farmers in Fayette County had a great week. No rain and cooler temps. Milo is close to being harvested and some early corn looks close. Some spraying for bugs took place. Crops look good. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Corn harvest has begun with moisture in the 22 % range. Early group 3 beans will begin harvest next week. **Ron Blair, Henderson County**

Much cooler temperatures and dry conditions have some producers harvesting early planted corn. Non-irrigated corn is yielding above the normal county average. Soybeans are in need of rain to help pods fill. Hay producers are taking advantage of dry conditions to harvest forage crops. Some scattered insecticide applications have been made in grain sorghum and soybeans. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Good rainfall over the last 10 days has greened up pastures. Some corn producers are planning to begin harvest in the next few days. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Corn silage harvest is well underway. Crops look good as do pastures. Cattle also look good and the hay supply is increasing. Last week's rain has kicked pasture and hay growth into a higher gear. Fall seeding of cool season grasses has begun with the increase in soil moisture.

Richard Groce, Maury County

The rain the end of last week really helped everything. We also got more rain this weekend that will help even more. We have corn almost ready for harvest and some soybeans are dropping leaves. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Unusual weather for August with low humidity and moderate temperatures. No rain all week and fall hay harvest has been in full swing. Been a great week for harvesting corn silage. Some corn grain producers are waiting on high moisture corn to dry to begin harvest. Pastures remain in good condition. **Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

An excellent week of weather saw corn producer's kick-off harvest with yield reports ranging from 160 to 200 plus bushels of corn. Rain at the end of the week ranged from a tenth to half inch, with a few isolated spots in the southwest portion receiving flash flooding rains Saturday evening. Double crop soybeans greatly benefitted from last week's rain, early beans are turning color and shedding leaves. Hay producers caught up on third cutting hay harvest. Pastures are in excellent condition. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Been a good week for farm work. No rain since Sunday morning. Some producers were able to harvest some hay, crops looking good. **Billy Garrett, Pickett County**

Corn and beans still looking great! Lots of 2nd cut hay went up this week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**