

# Crop Progress

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## MID-WEEK RAIN HALTS HARVEST, IMPROVES PASTURES

Field crop harvest was well underway last week until interrupted by rain. A wide range of corn yields were reported across the State. In some areas of West Tennessee, corn needs little drying because of earlier dry weather. The rain improved pasture conditions going into fall. Grain sorghum harvest continued. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 17 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 8 percent very short, 19 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % September 13, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	54%	31%
	US	3%	7%	22%	49%	19%
Soybeans	TN	2%	4%	16%	60%	18%
	US	3%	9%	27%	46%	15%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	18%	59%	22%
	US	2%	11%	35%	43%	9%
Pasture	TN	2%	9%	29%	54%	6%
	US	5%	14%	34%	40%	7%
Crop Progress						
		September 13, 2015	September 6, 2015	September 13, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	32%	15%	28%	32%	
	US	35%	18%	22%	31%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	42%	22%	47%	54%	
	US	46%	31%	49%	51%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	0%	--	0%	1%	
	US	4%	--	6%	7%	
Corn – Mature	TN	74%	48%	63%	80%	
	US	35%	20%	25%	40%	
Corn Harvested	TN	17%	6%	18%	46%	
	US	5%	--	4%	9%	

Moisture % September 13, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	7%	17%	66%	10%
	US	10%	28%	57%	5%
Subsoil	TN	8%	19%	66%	7%
	US	9%	27%	60%	4%

### County Agent Comments

*Harvest has begun with corn and grain sorghum. So far corn yields range from 140 to 180 bushels per acre depending on field conditions during growing season. Grain sorghum yields range from 100 to 140 bushels per acre. Harvest will be in full progress by Monday of next week.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*Corn harvest has continued throughout the week. The hot, dry weather has helped dry corn down to a point that it requires very little drying for storage. Some scattered early soybeans drying down. Pastures are in good shape considering the time of year. Some producers are looking to get another cutting of hay next week.*

**Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

*The farmers in Fayette County were able to harvest corn, milo and early beans earlier in the week and then a cold front moved in with rain mid-week. More rain followed Friday and put a halt to harvest. Yields are all over the board. Cotton defoliation may start in some areas next week.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Corn and grain sorghum harvest is steadily moving on with "shop talk" of dryland yields being 170+ and 140+ bushels per acre, respectively. A two inch rain mid-week brought harvesting to a halt. These same rains provided pastures a good shot of water to help them be productive heading into the fall.*

**Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*Recent dry hot weather has set pastures back a bit, but recent small showers have helped some.*

**Cynthia H. Zeitz, Jackson County**

*Light scattered showers mid-week stopped combines for the afternoon, but producers went right back to harvesting corn the next day. Soil moisture is depleted and soybean yields are declining daily. Corn yields range from below average to average in the southern part of the county to well above-average in the northern part of the county. Some producers are seeding cover crops as corn is harvested.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*We have had some good rain this week that will help pastures and late planted soybeans. The corn that has been harvested is running close to 200 bushels per acre.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Rain at week's end produced from 1.0 - 2.5 inches to bring a halt to field activities. About 10% of the corn is harvested. Harvest should be in full swing as conditions dry out from last week's rain. Yields continue to be in the plus and minus of 200 bushels per acre. Single crop beans are*

*dropping leaves and double crop beans are at R5 - R6. A few acres of early maturing beans have been harvested with yields ranging in the 60 bushel range. Pastures continue to be in excellent shape. Fall hay continues to be harvested as conditions allow.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*The corn yield is turning out better than what was speculated in this area. We had some critical dry times. The early soybeans will probably yield low but we feel like wheat beans will be pretty good.* **Creig Kimbro, Grundy County**

*Crops are looking good. Most of the corn is drying down, and some of the earlier beans have begun to dry down, with a few fields already losing leaves. Most of the county received rain on Wednesday and most of the day on Thursday. A few producers were able to harvest hay over the long dry weekend.* **Billy Garrett, Pickett County**

*Corn silage harvest is about over. Corn combining halted due to last week's rain showers. Monitors are showing 160-180 bu/ac corn so far. Due to weather forecasts, no hay was harvested this week. So far, 1.35 inches rain this week.* **John Goddard, Loudon County**