

Crop Progress

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DRY CONDITIONS IDEAL FOR ROW CROP HARVEST

Many producers were able to wrap up corn harvest and soybean harvest progressed well. Good yields for both crops were reported. With the dry conditions, cotton defoliation was underway. The dry conditions did little for pastures development and seeded wheat, which are both in need of a soaking rain. There were 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 10 percent very short, 32 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % September 27, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	53%	32%
	US	3%	7%	22%	49%	19%
Soybeans	TN	2%	5%	18%	56%	19%
	US	3%	9%	26%	47%	15%
Cotton	TN	0%	2%	16%	57%	25%
	US	2%	11%	37%	41%	9%
Pasture	TN	3%	12%	34%	48%	3%
	US	7%	15%	35%	37%	6%
Crop Progress						
		September 27, 2015	September 20, 2015	September 27, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	65%	48%	56%	60%	
	US	74%	56%	66%	70%	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	15%	5%	10%	14%	
	US	21%	7%	9%	16%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	68%	57%	73%	74%	
	US	69%	57%	63%	70%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	3%	2%	2%	11%	
	US	11%	7%	10%	12%	
Corn Harvested	TN	64%	43%	53%	71%	
	US	18%	10%	11%	23%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	2%	--	5%	4%	
	US	31%	19%	40%	35%	

Moisture % September 27, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	12%	34%	51%	3%
	US	12%	29%	54%	5%
Subsoil	TN	10%	32%	55%	3%
	US	10%	29%	57%	4%

County Agent Comments

Corn harvest has progressed rapidly this week with an estimated 70% harvested. Soybean harvest has progressed this week as well with an estimated 20% harvested. Producers have worked on grain sorghum as well with an estimated 80% harvested. Expect cotton defoliation to begin in earnest next week as cotton producers who have grain crops caught up this week with their grain harvest. We are really dry and could use some rainfall to help set up wheat planting with moisture for seed germination. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

Corn harvest continues in the county with yields averaging 160 bu. The county has over 6000 acres of grain sorghum, which is well above previous plantings. Yields are reported in the 90 bu. range. Soybean and cotton harvest is beginning. Field conditions are dry and rains would greatly improve outlook on soybeans and cotton. Pastures are dry with some producers feeding hay but cattle, overall, are in good condition. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

The farmers have had a great week harvesting. Corn, milo and beans have been harvested. Crop yields have been good to great. Cotton defoliation has started too. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Due to no rain for the week, producers were able to make great strides in harvesting. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Another week with very warm temperatures and no rainfall allowed producers to cut late planted soybeans. Corn harvest is going quickly with many producers finishing this week. Some producers are making the switch over to soybean harvest. Soybean yields are running from the mid 30's to the mid 60 bushel range. Producers are starting to prepare land for wheat seeding. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Corn harvest continued at a rapid pace with some producers switching over to bean harvest. A late week shower halted field work for a short period of time, but did little to help boost pastures and late beans which are in desperate need for a good soaking rain. **Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County**

Corn yields are very good and harvest is about complete. Soybean harvest is getting underway. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Another good week for harvesting everything. We are over half finished with corn and a lot of early beans are harvested. We need some rain for pastures and hay crops.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

No rain for another week. This will be 2 weeks without rain. Good for the row crop producers and not so good for livestock producers as grass growth is stalled. Reports of better than average yields for soybeans and corn so far, at least for Wilson County. Fall hay yield has not been stellar and stockpiling is not currently looking very promising.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Weather has been ideal for harvesting hay, soybeans and corn up until Friday. Corn yields have been good with several reports of over 200 bushels/acre yield. Conditions were getting dry with rain on Friday helping dry conditions. **Steve Harris, Coffee County**

The bulk of the week offered excellent harvest conditions until showers moved in at week's end, producing from a trace to a quarter of an inch. A few corn producers finished up this week, while a number of producers have yet to start. About 40% of the crop is shelled, far below the normal pace. Yields have been excellent at plus and minus of 200 bushels per acre. Soybean harvest continues to gain momentum as beans ready. About 25% of the crop has been harvested with yields around 60 bushels per acre. Producers were also busy preparing fields for planting pastures, canola, and wheat. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Soybeans have been sprayed to prepare for harvest and corn in its final stages. We did receive some precipitation over the weekend. **David Bussell, Overton County**

We were dry and welcomed the 1 inch rain we received this weekend. Lots of hay went up and lots of corn combined this week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**