

Crop Progress

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AFTER LAST WEEK'S RAIN, PRODUCERS BACK IN THE FIELD

Producers made up for some lost time in the field last week after the previous week's rainfall over much of the state. Cotton defoliation continued as harvest moved up 10 percent from the previous mark. Good yields for all crops continue to be reported. There were 5.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 10 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 11, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	52%	33%
	US	3%	7%	22%	48%	20%
Soybeans	TN	2%	5%	18%	55%	20%
	US	3%	8%	25%	48%	16%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	18%	56%	25%
	US	3%	12%	38%	38%	9%
Pasture	TN	2%	9%	32%	53%	4%
	US	7%	16%	34%	37%	6%
Crop Progress						
		October 11, 2015	October 4, 2015	October 11, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	88%	78%	82%	82%	
	US	92%	85%	90%	91%	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	34%	23%	23%	33%	
	US	62%	42%	37%	54%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	87%	79%	89%	88%	
	US	89%	77%	76%	84%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	14%	4%	12%	33%	
	US	22%	16%	21%	25%	
Corn Harvested	TN	87%	76%	80%	85%	
	US	42%	27%	23%	43%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	19%	11%	19%	16%	
	US	49%	31%	54%	51%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	2%	--	5%	2%	
	US	33%	20%	41%	36%	

Moisture % October 11, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	5%	27%	58%	10%
	US	12%	29%	54%	5%
Subsoil	TN	10%	25%	59%	6%
	US	11%	29%	56%	4%

County Agent Comments

Harvesting continues at good pace. Need some rain to get ready for wheat planting. Good yields reported in all crops. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

Pastures are in need of rain. Corn harvest has slowed down due to lack of storage. Farmers are beginning to pick cotton. **Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

The farmers in Fayette County have been busy harvesting corn, milo, beans and cotton. The few farmers that have cotton have also been defoliating. It was getting dry but rains were expected Friday afternoon. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Due to no rain, great harvesting strides were made. Pastures are holding up great.
Walter Battle, Haywood County

Rain on Friday afternoon shut combines down for the weekend. Producers have made great progress in harvesting this week. Corn and grain sorghum harvest is practically over and soybean harvest is near the half-way point. The pace for wheat seeding will pick up next week as producers have been busy preparing fields. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Rain late this week halted harvest, with several acres of hay on the ground getting wet as well.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

We got an inch of rain over most of the county this weekend that will help pastures and fall seeded pastures, etc. Harvesting continues and yields are good.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Producers were back in the field. Soybean and corn harvest resumed after the previous week of rain. Yield reports for corn and soybeans confirm a better than average growing season. Pastures conditions have improved with the rain and lots of fall fertilization is being done. Fall hay is being harvested but low yields are reported. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

Producers were able to get back into the fields toward mid-week; however, a cold front late Friday brought an additional 0.50 - 1.0 inch of rainfall. Harvest continues move at a slower than normal pace, with two-thirds of the corn, and a third of the bean crop out. Cotton harvest finally got underway. A few acres of canola were planted before the rain, and wheat producers waiting on soils to dry out. Hay stocks and pastures are in excellent condition.
Ed Burns, Franklin County

*Some hay, beans and corn harvested. Weekend rain of 1.5" halted harvest. Ground is waterlogged now. **John Goddard, Loudon County***

*Still drying off a bit from the rains last week which yielded some high moisture levels in corn and added extra time input needed for drying. Almost of all the soybeans have dropped leaves, but harvest is a bit slow as producers have been waiting for fields to dry up a bit. Pastures and cattle look good, hay barns look full, and weather is getting noticeably cooler. We're looking pretty good down here. You all have a great week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

*Harvest activities resumed this week with drier conditions. **John Wilson, Blount County***