

Crop Progress

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FREEZING TEMPERATURES RETURN TO TENNESSEE

A cold front moved across the state toward the end of the week, bringing with it freezing temperatures and isolated patches of frost. Corn harvest was close to complete with good yields being reported. Cotton harvest picked up speed. Wheat growers were anxiously awaiting a rain to aid in the germination of their crop. Rain would also help pasture condition. There were 6.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 10 percent very short, 30 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 12 percent very short, 28 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 18, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	TN	3%	10%	32%	51%	4%
	US	8%	17%	35%	35%	5%
Crop Progress						
		October 18, 2015	October 11, 2015	October 18, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	94%	88%	90%	90%	
	US	96%	92%	94%	96%	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	51%	34%	29%	44%	
	US	77%	62%	51%	68%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	93%	87%	93%	91%	
	US	94%	89%	85%	89%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	25%	14%	19%	43%	
	US	31%	22%	28%	32%	
Corn Harvested	TN	93%	87%	87%	89%	
	US	59%	42%	30%	54%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	37%	19%	24%	24%	
	US	76%	64%	75%	77%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	11%	2%	10%	5%	
	US	49%	33%	54%	49%	

Moisture % October 18, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	11%	29%	53%	7%
	US	15%	33%	49%	3%
Subsoil	TN	11%	29%	56%	4%
	US	12%	31%	54%	3%

County Agent Comments

Really good progress with all harvests this week. Wheat planting has begun. Hearing reports of good yields in most cases for all crops. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

Corn and soybean harvest continues with producers beginning to pick cotton. Wheat planting is also underway in the county. The county is dry and needs rain for wheat germination and pasture growth. **J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

The farmers in Fayette County have been busy harvesting cotton, beans and finishing up with their corn. Yield has been all over the board, but good for the most part.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Due to there not being any significant rain events, harvest is moving along at a good pace. In regard to "shop talk," yields of 75+ bushel milo, 50+ bushel soybeans, 170+ bushel corn, and 800-900 lbs. cotton are being mentioned. Pastures are looking good, but could use a shot of rain which would also assist wheat. Producers are obviously concerned with depressed prices but a little optimistic that at least there are good yields to help offset some of the low economic returns. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

A week of dry, sunny weather kept combines rolling. Corn harvest is complete and soybean harvest is at full speed. Wheat seeding is ramping up as well with some producers finished planting and others just starting. Extremely dry conditions have some producers nervous about seeding wheat and waiting for rain before planting. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Corn harvest almost complete. Low Temperatures over the weekend reached 30 for two nights. First frost appeared on Friday **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

We had frost Oct 15 and 16. **Cynthia Zeitz, Jackson County**

Weather has been excellent for harvesting corn and soybeans and for seeding wheat. Corn harvest is nearing an end and bean harvest is at the mid-point. Pastures remain good for this late in the season. Cattle look good and farmers have adequate hay supplies if we have an average winter. **Richard Groce, Maury County**

Had our first frost Saturday the 17th this will help get the rest of the beans ready for harvest. Harvest is slowing some due to getting unloaded at the elevators. Hay cutting is about over for the year and it has been an excellent one with some folks getting 4 cuttings of grass.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Row crop producers were having the usual fall harvest challenges due to rain showers but making progress. Reporting good yields. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

A cold front to start the week produced from 0.10 to 0.20 of an inch of rain; however, most producers were back into fields the next day. Corn harvest is winding up with the bulk of

producers reporting finished with total crop yield averages running between 200 to 215 bushels per acre. Producers focusing on soybean harvest, the bulk of single crop beans harvested with yields ranging from 50 - 70 bushels per acre. Canola producers were finishing up planting, a few acres of wheat went into the ground this past week. Cotton harvest is in full swing with two bale plus cotton common. Another cold front Friday did not produce appreciable moisture but produced scattered to light frost Saturday and Sunday mornings. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**
Great harvest week! Corn, beans and hay all harvested this week!

John Goddard, Loudon County

A small amount of rain (0.21" average) on Tuesday and some logistical issues were the only impedance to an otherwise successful harvest week. Corn harvest is on the home stretch and soybean harvest is nearing the halfway mark. Temperatures are hitting in the low to mid 30's overnight, frost was seen Saturday morning, and leaves are turning on trees all around. Fall is obviously here so you all have a great week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

A dry week with low humidity, cooler temperatures, sunshine and wind made way for harvest of row crops and last of the hay harvest. Night temperatures found the high 30's with frost in some low-lying pockets. Wheat planting resumed along with some delayed late-planting of forages. **John Wilson, Blount County**

We received a heavy frost this morning. **Steven Huff, Cocke County**