

Crop Progress

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DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS ACCELERATE CROP HARVEST, PLANTING

Dry conditions over most of the State afforded producers the opportunity to advance their crop harvest and wheat planting. While these weather conditions were excellent for harvest, rain is need to boost wheat germination. Pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. There were 6.4 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 12 percent very short, 32 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 13 percent very short, 29 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 25, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	TN	0%	3%	40%	46%	11%
	US	3%	11%	39%	37%	10%
Pasture	TN	2%	11%	34%	49%	4%
	US	9%	18%	34%	34%	5%
Crop Progress						
		October 25, 2015	October 18, 2015	October 25, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	69%	51%	46%	57%	
	US	87%	77%	68%	80%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	49%	23%	34%	53%	
	US	42%	31%	40%	43%	
Corn Harvested	TN	96%	93%	93%	94%	
	US	75%	59%	44%	68%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	54%	37%	40%	39%	
	US	83%	76%	83%	85%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	24%	11%	19%	14%	
	US	62%	49%	65%	62%	

Moisture %					
October 25, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	12%	32%	50%	6%
	US	12%	30%	53%	5%
Subsoil	TN	13%	29%	54%	4%
	US	11%	30%	55%	4%

County Agent Comments

Harvest progressing really well. Need some rain for wheat planting. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**
Harvest continues in the county for corn, cotton, soybeans and milo, with corn and milo at or near completion. Overall yields are good for all crops. Rain is the forecast and is much needed.

J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County need rain but don't need rain. It is dry but has been perfect for harvesting crops. Those that are planning to plant wheat/fescue need a rain. Corn and milo have all been harvested and farmers are busy harvesting beans and cotton. Cotton yields have been great. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Crop harvest and wheat planting are rolling along nicely. Producers are reporting good yields. The county experienced a light frost event. Pastures and wheat need a rain as the county is getting dry. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

Another rain free week has combines moving at a continuous pace across soybean acres and the end of harvest season is in sight. Many producers completed harvest this week, while others will have to wait until the promised rain has moved on. Wheat seeding took a big jump in the past 14 days with many producers having finished that task and are waiting for needed rainfall to help the crop germinate **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

We are dry but harvest is doing well. All the wheat we've planted so far is for grazing. Other wheat planting will start soon. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Corn harvest is nearly complete locally and a few soybeans have been harvested. Tobacco is being stripped but has been slowed due to the lack of moisture. Pastures need some rain and a few producers have begun feeding a little hay, as the frost killed warm-season grasses.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Had the first frost of the season. No rain all week and crop harvest is progressing.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Above average temperatures and low humidity made for an excellent week of harvest. Corn producers shelled the remainder of the crop. Soybean producers finished single crop bean harvest and are working on double crop beans. A few producers finished with harvest. Canola crop is up and looking good. Wheat planting is in full swing. Pastures in good shape. A few producers were still harvesting hay. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Great week for grain and hay harvest. Corn and hay near completion. Soybean harvest should wind up in another week to 10 days if weather permits. Above average yields for crops.

John Goddard, Loudon County Corn harvest is wrapping up yielding on both sides of the 200 mark. UT standardized soybean test plot was harvested with yields in the low to mid 50's.

Pastures are still looking green for the most part. You all have a good week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

*No rain or moisture at all this week. Temps in the mid 70's. Soybean and corn being harvested followed by planting of winter wheat. **David Bussell, Overton County***