

Crop Progress

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RAINS HALT FIELD ACTIVITY; IMPROVES PASTURES

Producers lost time in the field last week due to rainfall over much of the State. The rains boosted pasture condition to mostly good to excellent. The rains were also beneficial to seeded wheat. Cotton defoliation continued but little was harvested last week. Good yields for corn and soybeans continue to be reported. There were 4.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 27 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 9 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % October 4, 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%	56%	19%
	US	3%	8%	25%	48%	16%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	17%	57%	25%
	US	3%	12%	37%	39%	9%
Pasture	TN	2%	9%	32%	53%	4%
	US	7%	15%	34%	38%	6%
Crop Progress						
		October 4, 2015	September 27, 2015	October 4, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	69%	65%	56%	72%	
	US	85%	74%	81%	83%	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	23%	15%	16%	23%	
	US	42%	21%	19%	32%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	84%	68%	79%	82%	
	US	77%	69%	72%	78%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	4%	3%	5%	21%	
	US	16%	11%	14%	18%	
Corn Harvested	TN	76%	64%	69%	79%	
	US	27%	18%	16%	32%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	11%	2%	12%	9%	
	US	49%	31%	54%	51%	

Moisture %					
October 4, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	5%	27%	54%	14%
	US	11%	27%	56%	6%
Subsoil	TN	9%	25%	59%	7%
	US	10%	28%	57%	5%

County Agent Comments

Both corn and soybean harvests are progressing in good order, with corn harvest almost finished. Grain sorghum harvest is getting close to being complete with scattered acreage remaining. If good weather continues, we should be done with corn and sorghum in another 7 to 10 days. Cotton defoliation has begun but no cotton harvested yet. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**
The farmers in Fayette County were busy harvesting later in the week. We received some rain last weekend and some the beginning of the week. Crop yields are good for the most part.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Late planted soybeans received very timely rain. That same rain also benefitted pastures. Hay harvesting is wrapping up while crop harvest continues to roll. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**
A general rain event early in the week brought good amounts of precipitation ranging from .7" to over 3" in some places. This much needed moisture will help cover crops germinate. Combines were rolling by Thursday afternoon in both corn and soybean fields. Grain sorghum harvest is close to 80% complete with yields averaging in the 80-90 bushel range.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Rains kept producers out of the field for most of the week. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Rains are helping dry pasture conditions. **Cynthia Zeitz, Jackson County**

Fall is in the air. Rain this week stalled all row crop and hay harvest efforts. Rain also stalled fall fertilization efforts. Cattle are looking good but the talk with producers is the current and future price levels. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

Measureable rainfall fell every day for the past week producing from 1.5 - 2.5 inches of rain. A few more acres of corn were harvested before getting too wet. Corn harvest still lags behind the average pace. Yields continue to be excellent. Bean and cotton harvest was at standstill, as well as wheat and canola planting. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Rain every day this week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Several inches of rain fell Thursday in the northern part of Maury County and lesser amounts throughout the rest of the county, bringing field work to a halt. Reported corn yields are generally between 175 and 225 bushels. County average yield for corn will be very good this year, but may be slightly under last year's yield. Soybean harvest is just starting and yields look good but not as good as corn, accordingly. Some hay baling continues, but most producers have a good supply of hay put up. Cattle look good overall and calves are starting to be marketed in larger numbers. **Richard Groce, Maury County**

With all the rain this week in the area, harvesting and planting came to a halt.

Creig Kimbro, Grundy County

*Rains throughout last week prevented progression of corn and soybean harvest, but aided the continuing growth of cool season grasses in pastures. Crop producers are still hesitant to put equipment in the fields with the amount of moisture present, but with a forecast depicting dry weather until late next week they should get an opportunity. Just a bit wet, but everything's looking good in Marion County. You all have a great week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

Billy Garrett, Pickett County

*Much-needed rain arrived from the east. This halted most field activities but was welcomed after weeks without rain. **John Wilson, Blount County** Rainfall over 5.5" this week.*

Tom Stebbins, Hamilton County