

Crop Progress

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FALL HARVEST HALTED BY RAIN

Harvest of corn, cotton, and soybeans mostly ceased over most of the State last week due to incessant rain. Producers did, however, make excellent progress on the days they could get into the fields. Harvest is expected to come to an end over the next few weeks if dry conditions return and prevail. The rain was advantageous to pastures, which were beginning to dry, as well as seeded wheat. There were only 2.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 10 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 3 percent very short, 22 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % November 1, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	TN	0%	3%	34%	52%	11%
	US	2%	10%	39%	40%	9%
Pasture	TN	1%	10%	35%	50%	4%
	US	9%	18%	34%	34%	5%
Crop Progress						
		November 1, 2015	October 25, 2015	November 1, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	76%	69%	60%	69%	
	US	92%	87%	81%	88%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	60%	49%	50%	65%	
	US	50%	42%	49%	54%	
Corn Harvested	TN	97%	96%	96%	96%	
	US	85%	75%	62%	79%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	61%	54%	58%	56%	
	US	88%	83%	89%	90%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	41%	24%	29%	26%	
	US	72%	62%	76%	73%	

Moisture %					
November 1, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	0%	10%	73%	17%
	US	7%	23%	62%	8%
Subsoil	TN	3%	22%	67%	8%
	US	8%	27%	60%	5%

County Agent Comments

*The end of harvest is in sight. Received some much needed rain this week for wheat planting and for wheat already planted. Harvesting and wheat planting will continue as drier conditions prevail. The 2015 crop season will soon come to a close. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County***

The farmers in Fayette County were not able to harvest crops or plant wheat this week due to rains that came through earlier in the week. This gave many the time to work on equipment and get ready for more harvest and planting once it dries. More rain is expected this Saturday afternoon. Harvest and planting should pick up the middle to end of next week.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

*Much needed rainfall started late on October 23 and stopped on October 28. Precipitation amounts of 3 to 4 inches were common across the county. Rainfall intensity was very slow and gentle resulting in minor erosion on upland soils. Soybean harvest was halted but will resume with a few days of wind and sunshine. Soybean harvest is within one week of completion in the county. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

Giles County got about 3 inches of needed rain last week. Field activities were halted.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

*Much needed rain fell this week. Lots of farmers had over-seeded pastures and hay fields and needed the rain for the young grass. **Jason Evitts, Trousdale County***

We had from 1 to 2 inches of rain this week. This will help pastures because we were really dry. It slowed down harvest and we are about ready to plant wheat.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Some row crop harvest early in the week but rain mid to later week stalled that work. Cool season pastures are looking good. Some folks seeding some cool season annuals.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

A week of showers kept field activities at a standstill! Showers throughout the week produced from an inch to 1.3 inches for the week. Producers need a dry 7 - 10 days to finish up soybean and cotton harvest and wheat planting. Warm season pastures have stopped producing and a few producers are beginning to feed hay. Cool season pastures are in excellent shape.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Rain all week has prevented any field work. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Corn harvest is nearing completion with soybean harvest seeing a good week. Fall planted forages took advantage of mild temperatures and moisture this week.

John Wilson, Blount County