

Crop Progress

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RAINS CONTINUE TO HINDER HARVEST

Rainfall continued to hinder producers who are trying to finish harvesting row crops and planting small grains. However, the moisture did give a boost to recently emerged wheat. Some East Tennessee cattle producers began feeding hay to supplement their pastures, rain continues to be advantageous to pastures in the rest of the state. There were 4.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 6 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % November 15, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	TN	0%	1%	21%	56%	22%
	US	2%	8%	38%	41%	11%
Pasture	TN	2%	9%	34%	51%	4%
Crop Progress						
		November 15, 2015	November 8, 2015	November 15, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	87%	80%	82%	87%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	78%	68%	69%	82%	
	US	64%	58%	68%	74%	
Corn Harvested	TN	98%	98%	99%	99%	
	US	96%	93%	88%	94%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	84%	74%	84%	85%	
	US	94%	92%	95%	96%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	65%	53%	57%	56%	
	US	87%	80%	86%	86%	

Moisture % November 15, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	0%	6%	79%	15%
	US	6%	20%	66%	8%
Subsoil	TN	2%	11%	77%	10%
	US	7%	24%	64%	5%

County Agent Comments

*Harvest has slowed due to wet weather. Emerged wheat looks good. Cotton harvest continues at slower pace due to rain showers this week. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County***

*Finally received some much needed rain for winter wheat and to hasten maturity on late soybeans. Producers continue to harvest soybeans and cotton. **J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*The farmers in Fayette County are about 75% complete with their harvest. Rains moved in mid-week and stopped harvest and planting. On Monday and Tuesday, farmers were busy planting wheat and harvesting beans and cotton. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

Sunny conditions have prevailed this week and allowed many producers to complete wheat seeding and soybean harvest. Only a few scattered acres of soybeans remain.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

*We have had showers to keep us out of the field but not enough to really wet the ground. We still have beans in the field and wheat to be planted. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County***

*Soybean and corn harvest continues as weather permits. Later harvested soybeans have reported lower yields. The warm temperatures have encouraged more pasture grass growth which will help delay having to feed hay. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

The few tobacco farmers left in the county have over half of the crop stripped and graded.

Neal Denton, Knox County

*Sunshine and wind the latter half of the week had combines and planters rolling! Passing fronts this week produced little rain, rainfall totals ranged from 0.10 - .33 inch of rain, which allowed crops and soils to dry out. Still lots of acres of beans and cotton that are suffering due to late harvest. The week's end saw the year's first freeze as temperatures hit the freezing mark Saturday and Sunday. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

*Beef cattle folks are feeding hay already. Corn nearly all harvested. Soybeans still too wet to harvest this week. **John Goddard, Loudon County***

Weather conditions allowed for the wrap up of some corn and soybean harvesting although standing water in lower areas delay entire completion. Winter wheat has emerged where planted prior to the last sporadic bout of rainfall, but most of it has just recently been planted. Looking good here in Marion County. You all have a great week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

*Several bean fields yet to be harvested. Some producers are already feeding hay to supplement pastures. **John Wilson, Blount County***