

Crop Progress

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DESPITE RAIN, PRODUCER CROP PROGRESS NEAR PREVIOUS AND FIVE YEAR AVERAGES

Despite rains last week and low number of days suitable for field work, producers took full advantage of days they could get into the field to harvest cotton and soybeans, as well as seed wheat. Harvest of cotton and soybeans, as well as wheat seeding approached or surpassed average progress. There were 3.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

Crop Condition %						
November 22, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	TN	0%	1%	19%	58%	22%
	US	2%	8%	37%	42%	11%
Pasture	TN	2%	9%	34%	51%	4%
Crop Progress						
		November 22, 2015	November 15, 2015	November 22, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	91%	87%	90%	93%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	90%	78%	85%	89%	
	US	70%	64%	76%	82%	
Wheat – Planted	TN	91%	84%	92%	92%	
	US	96%	94%	99%	100%	
Wheat – Emerged	TN	78%	65%	68%	69%	
	US	90%	87%	91%	90%	

Moisture %					
November 22, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	0%	4%	69%	27%
	US	5%	17%	67%	11%
Subsoil	TN	1%	8%	75%	16%
	US	6%	22%	65%	7%

County Agent Comments

*The farmers in Fayette County dealt with wet conditions this week. They had 1 day they could do field work and the rains and wet conditions kept them out of the field for the rest of the week. They have maybe 25 percent of the crop to harvest/plant. **Jeff Via, Fayette County***

*County received 4+ inches of rain which halted all harvest activity for five days. Rains did improve pasture conditions. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***

Heavy rain and high winds occurred county-wide early in the week. Rainfall amounts of 3 to over 4 inches were reported in many locations. A very small remnant of soybeans remain to be harvested and the harvest should be completed by Thanksgiving.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

We had a good rain on Wednesday, but had a good weekend and the first of the week to harvest. We lack a few beans and have more wheat to get in the ground.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Rain & wet conditions continue to prevent the final soybeans from being harvested. Grass pastures look good but some hay is being fed. Weather has also impacted planting wheat.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Windy, dry conditions to start the week allowed combines, pickers, and planters to run at will. Producers took full advantage to catch up on bean and cotton harvest and wheat planting. Rain on Wednesday produced from 1.2 to 1.4 inches of rain. Limited activity resumed at weeks' end, but were short lived as scattered showers moved back in Saturday evening.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

*Good harvest weather Monday and Tuesday. 1.5 inches of rain on Wednesday stopped soybean harvest. Three (3) hard frosts this week has hammered Johnson grass. Beef producers feeding hay regularly now. **John Goddard, Loudon County***