

## Crop Progress

As reported by NASS on April 28, 2014

### PROGRESS MADE ON CORN PLANTING

Isolated showers across the state did little to hamper field activities. As a result of this, corn farmers made excellent progress planting. Some cotton producers were also able to begin planting. Wheat, pastures, and cattle continue to flourish, but some hay producers are concerned that their first cutting looks short. Nursery producers reported some damage to outside stock due to the recent freeze. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Percent Planted					
		April 27, 2014	April 20, 2014	April 27, 2013	5 Year Average
Corn	TN	53%	19%	45%	59%
	US	19%	6%	5%	28%
Soybeans	TN	2%	--	--	3%
	US	3%	--	--	4%
Cotton	TN	3%	--	--	3%
	US	13%	9%	13%	18%

Crop Condition % April 27, 2014						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	0%	2%	19%	57%	22%
	US	14%	20%	33%	28%	5%
Pasture	TN	1%	7%	32%	54%	6%
	US	--	--	--	--	--

Crop Progress					
		April 27, 2014	April 20, 2014	April 27, 2013	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat - Jointed	TN	76%	55%	92%	93%
Winter Wheat- Headed	TN	21%	2%	16%	43%
	US	18%	9%	13%	26%
Corn Emerged	TN	12%	--	15%	33%
	US	3%	--	2%	6%

## **County Agent Comments**

*Growers have made excellent progress with corn planting over the past week between light intermittent showers. Wheat continues to progress well. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County***  
*Farmers did plant some corn the latter part of the week with most still being under 50% planting. Rains in the forecast will likely halt corn planting until following week. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County***

*There was some corn planting progress made with increases in soil temperature and rain free days. The wheat crop (and pastures) continue to benefit from the rains. **Walter Battle, Haywood County***  
*Many producers are finishing planting corn and switching to soybeans. A little rain Thursday night will hold us out of the field for a day but planting will be back to normal by Saturday. Cattle and pastures are looking pretty good, but the market looks better for the cattle. **Jake Mallard, Madison County***

*Planters started rolling last weekend and have not stopped. A large amount of the corn crop has been planted this week. Farmers and agri-business folks have been busy spraying burn-down herbicides, applying fertilizers and tillage work. Portions of the county received up to 1/4" of rain on Thursday night, but sunshine and wind allowed farmers to get back to work on Friday. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Producers were in the field planting corn this week until late week rains halted progress. Getting many reports from home owners and nursery producers of winter damage on shrubs and other plants. **Kevin Rose, Giles County***

*Spotty showers produced from .0 to nearly one half inch in an isolated location. Rain did little to keep producers out of the field. Temperatures remain slightly below normal with lows dipping into the 40's and highs in the 70's. Corn producers are nearing completion of planting. Wheat crop continues to progress with the bulk of the crop at the flag leaf stage. Pastures continue to grow and several producers reporting not having to feed hay. **Jared Goad, Marion County***

*A relatively dry week with only a few scattered showers and warmer temperatures. Hay feeding still continues but is tapering off as pastures improve. **John Wilson, Blount County***

*Fruit on unprotected strawberries was heavily damaged by freeze. Producers are concerned about first cutting of hay being short. Several acres of corn planted this week. Wheat looking good overall. **Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County***

*Started some triticale harvest this week. Topsoil needs rain. Had a farmer that buried a cow who said the subsoil is moist but top 10 inches was powder dry. Looks like rain is coming today. **John Goddard, Loudon County***



