

Crop Progress

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CORN PLANTING FINALLY RESTARTS, SOME SOYBEANS AND COTTON PLANTED

At last, weather conditions improved slightly and allowed some fields to dry out enough that corn planting could start again. There were some fields that were still too muddy to plant but producers made as much progress as possible. Some soybeans and cotton were planted, in line with normal averages. There were 2.8 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 56 percent adequate and 44 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 66 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. Hay supplies were 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		April 26, 2015	April 19, 2015	April 12, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	3%	--	3%	2%
	US	10%	8%	12%	16%
Corn	TN	17%	6%	48%	60%
	US	19%	9%	17%	25%
Soybeans	TN	1%	--	2%	3%
	US	2%	--	3%	4%

Crop Condition % April 26, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	0%	2%	19%	56%	23%
	US	6%	14%	38%	35%	7%
Pasture	TN	1%	5%	23%	58%	13%
Strawberries	TN	0%	6%	31%	56%	7%

Crop Progress					
		April 26, 2015	April 19, 2015	April 26, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat - Jointed	TN	81%	66%	73%	89%
Winter Wheat – Headed	TN	13%	1%	18%	38%
Corn – Emerged	TN	3%	--	10%	30%
	US	2%	--	3%	6%

Moisture % April 26, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	-	-	56%	44%
	US	6%	18%	60%	16%
Subsoil	TN	-	-	66%	34%
	US	7%	21%	60%	12%

County Agent Comments

Producers were working hard to find as many dry fields as possible to get some corn planted. Wheat progressing pretty well. Need some sunshine and drier weather on our wheat. Producers continue to get burndown applications applied to get ready for cotton and soybean planting.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

*Due to the wet weather in April, I am getting reports that producers have given up on planting corn and will be planting that land in soybeans. **Kenny Herndon, Carroll County***

The farmers in Fayette Co. were able to get some corn planted last week. We had about two and a half to three days in a row that allowed for planting. More rain did move in on Friday.

Crops look good for the most part. Jeff Via, Fayette County

*Corn planters started rolling late last week, with producers searching for fields dry enough to plant. Additional acres of burn-down spraying occurred when wind conditions allowed. Several acres of corn fertilizer were applied as well. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County***

*Rain continues to keep producers out of the field. Some acres of corn did get planted last week. Kevin Rose, Giles County Corn planting got started back towards the end of the week. **Chris***

Hicks, Smith County

*The wet weather has delayed pasture fertilizer and weed control applications past optimal times. Almost no tobacco acres are ready for planting but transplants are very near ready. Dry weather is very much needed for a few weeks. **Jason Evitts, Trousdale County***

*Muddy and wet conditions along with cool soil temperatures have kept row crop producers out of the fields. Pastures are wet and muddy but grass is growing. Some wheat lodged after rain/wind event early in the week. Cows/calves are enjoying the green grass. Some producers continue to feed hay due to excessive moisture in grasses but hay supplies are very low to none available. Hopefully no damage to fruit crops and early vegetable crops from late season cold nighttime temperatures. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County***

*A break in the rain mid-week allowed for corn producers to plant a few more acres to bring the total acres planted to about 10%. Rain at the beginning and end of the week produced from 1.75 to 2.0 inches. Temperatures were cooler than normal with lows dipping into the upper 30's to mid-40's. When weather allowed, producers were busy spraying burn down herbicides for corn and beans, spreading fertilizer, and planting corn. The bulk of the wheat crop is in the early boot stage. Cattle producers are finally through feeding hay. The new crop is looking good but needs sunshine. **Ed Burns, Franklin County***

A mostly rain-free week made fertilizing, spraying, and corn planting possible. Strawberries have been under pressure from Botrytis. Pastures and hay fields are improving with sunshine and fertilizer applications. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Winter wheat has taken advantage of the drier conditions and done well. Apples and peaches are almost fully bloomed. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**

Corn planting big time yesterday and today. Soybeans being planted now. Grass Tetany has been seen in beef cattle this week. Pasture fertilized this past couple days. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

