

Crop Progress

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WHEAT IN GOOD CONDITION; PRODUCERS ANXIOUS TO PLANT CORN

Wet weather has benefitted wheat, which is developing well ahead of last year's crop. Fifty-eight percent of the winter wheat crop showed no freeze damage and 33 had light damage. A limited number of corn acres have been planted because of wet fields. Strawberries showed some freeze damage. Cattle were in good condition. There were 3.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		April 5, 2014	March 29, 2014	April 5, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton	TN	--	--	--	--
	US	2%	n/a	6%	6%
Corn	TN	2%	-	2%	10%
	US	-	-	-	-

Crop Condition % April 5, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	TN	0%	2%	21%	55%	22%
	US	4%	12%	40%	37%	7%
Pasture	TN	2%	15%	42%	37%	4%
	US	--	--	--	--	--

Crop Progress					
		April 5, 2015	March 30, 2015	April 5, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat - Jointed	TN	30%	n/a	13%	39%

Moisture %					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	-	1%	65%	34%
	US	5%	18%	56%	21%
Subsoil	TN	-	2%	70%	28%
	US	5%	18%	60%	17%

County Agent Comments

Wheat progressing well. A few acres of corn have been planted this week. Producers anxious to get started. Showers and cold soil temperatures have delayed their planting intentions. Weed control applications and 2nd nitrogen shot in wheat have kept most growers busy on days they could work. **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

Not much happening on the agricultural front. Wheat is growing normally and it's just too wet to plant corn and the weather forecast is not looking favorable for the upcoming week either. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

The farmers in Fayette County are facing more rain and wet conditions this week. Corn planting has been delayed. Wheat looks good for the most part. Farmers have sprayed burn downs when they can. Just waiting for drier weather. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

Producers have made the most of the recent break in the weather by completing top dress nitrogen applications to wheat and applying necessary herbicides to that crop as well. A few producers planted the first corn of the season before being stopped by showers and thunderstorms on Thursday. Several acres of pre-plant fertilizer including anhydrous ammonia have been applied to corn ground as well as burn-down herbicide applications. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Temperature fell to 28 degrees Sunday morning. 1.5 inches of rain fell on Friday night with some minor wind damage. Kevin Rose, Giles County A few clear days have allowed for fertilizer to be spread that has helped start the 2015 growing season. **Ricky Skillington, Marshall County**

We need some dry weather to plant and get fertilizer and weed control on pastures and hay land. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Lots of folks applying fertilizer and spraying for weeds. Limited row crop work due to wet soils. Grass is greening and growing. Warmer temps and sunshine have had tremendous impact. Cattle are in good condition. Wheat looks mostly good at this point. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

The week started and ended with rain with 1.0 to 1.5 inches total precipitation for the week. Temperatures were seasonable with highs in the 70's and lows in the low 50's. Wet weather has been the dominant pattern for the past month, which has throttled field activities. Producers have caught a few days to burn down corn ground. Most of the wheat has been top dressed; however, there are a number of acres showing nitrogen deficiency. No corn has been planted to date. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Frequent rains and warming temperatures have pastures beginning to make much needed growth. Significant liming and fertilizing of pastures was accomplished with improving field conditions last week. **John Wilson, Blount County**

Lots of fertilizer spread on pastures this week. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Strawberry crop had minor injury to blooms due to last freeze event. Greenhouse tomatoes are a little late due to lack of sunshine. **Anthony Carver, Grainger County**

No apple blooms yet, but many peach trees have bloomed and have taken some minor hits due to a couple cold nights. Intermittent clear days in the 70s have been interspersed with cold snaps and rain every 4-5 days which has made field conditions challenging. Wheat and pasture progress has been similarly slowed by the back-and-forth conditions. **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**