

Crop Progress

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SPOTTY RAINS PREVALENT ACROSS THE STATE

Depending on where you were in any given county, you either looked to the sky in hopes of a rain shower or wished the rain would stop. In most cases, however, producers were in hopes of rain. Crops are beginning to show signs of stress in some areas due to the lack of rain. The cotton crop is receiving an adequate number of heat units and, as other row crops, is in mostly in good to excellent condition. Hay harvest continues as weather permits. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 22 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Percent Planted					
		June 28, 2015	June 21, 2015	June 28, 2014	5 Year Average
Soybeans	TN	91%	82%	87%	92%
	US	94%	90%	95%	97%

Crop Condition % June 28, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	1%	4%	16%	57%	22%
	US	2%	6%	24%	54%	14%
Soybeans	TN	1%	5%	24%	56%	14%
	US	2%	7%	28%	52%	11%
Cotton	TN	0%	9%	38%	47%	6%
	US	0%	8%	36%	46%	10%
Pasture	TN	2%	11%	32%	48%	7%
	US	2%	7%	26%	50%	15%

Crop Progress					
		June 28, 2015	June 21, 2015	June 28, 2014	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat – Harvested	TN	83%	57%	54%	81%
Soybeans-Emerged	TN	74%	64%	70%	79%
	US	89%	84%	93%	94%
Soybeans Blooming	TN	5%	--	8%	11%
	US	8%	--	9%	9%
Cotton Squaring	TN	33%	20%	48%	44%
	US	35%	22%	34%	40%
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	--	--	4%	1%
	US	5%	--	6%	8%
Corn – Silking	TN	24%	6%	23%	47%
	US	4%	--	4%	8%

Moisture % June 28, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	5%	22%	64%	9%
	US	4%	13%	61%	22%
Subsoil	TN	3%	19%	67%	11%
	US	4%	13%	65%	18%

County Agent Comments

All crops progressing well. Getting somewhat dry in some areas. Scattered, intermittent showers are helping in some instances. Beginning to see pivot irrigation rigs being put to use.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Last week's rains were needed, and more rains are expected this week. Soils dried out fairly quickly with a few days of hot temperatures. Crops overall are in good condition with some areas still needing a shower. Wheat harvest is near completion. Tomato crops are looking good along with cattle and pastures. **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

Some fescue pastures have not been cut for hay. These fields have fescue which has headed out and stems turned brown. Do not expect it to be very high quality when cut.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

Depending on where you are in the county, it is either too wet or too dry. We have had pop-up showers about three days this week. Some farmers are waiting to get back in the field and others are baling hay, harvesting wheat, and trying to finish bean planting. Other activities included spraying for weeds and bugs. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

The county crop situation is simply based upon where the rain (scattered showers) is falling. Those getting the showers are doing well, while those not receiving rain are hurting. Wheat harvest is finished and now growers are finishing soybean planting. The good news for the late planted cotton is that unlike the previous two years the crop is receiving required heat units. **Walter Battle, Haywood County**

The end of planting season is in sight for most producers. Wheat harvest is practically over and many soybean producers will wrap up planting today. Thunderstorms and showers have been spotty. A good soaking rain would greatly benefit the corn crop as it has started to tassel and silk. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Conditions beginning to get dry. Some corn twisting due to lack of moisture. Wheat harvest almost complete. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Our rain has been very spotty. Some areas are still very dry while others have had plenty. The high temperatures have slowed down cattle weight gains because they are laying in the shade instead of eating. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Temperatures have moderated. Soybeans and corn are looking good at this point. Hay harvest continues as weather permits. **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

While dodging showers, farmers were busy this week harvesting wheat and planting and applying herbicides to soybeans and cotton. Temperatures were above normal, ranging in the low to mid 90's. Isolated showers occurred almost daily with heavy rains at week's end producing flash flooding in low lying areas. Rainfall totals ranged from 2.0 to 4.5 inches for the week. Showers slowed wheat harvest for some; however, helped soybean planting and emergence for others. Corn producers welcomed the moisture since about 80% of the corn has tassels emerged. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

Still dry and hot. Row-crops are in much need of the rain forecasted for the weekend. Pastures are drying up fast, and many producers are feeding hay. Hay fields have made little growth since the first cutting was taken. Some corn fields in the southerly portions of the county are stunted, twisting and firing with less than an inch of rain over the past two months.

John Wilson, Blount County

Spotty showers and forecasts have prevented producers from cutting hay. Some wheat harvested this week. Some parts of county are bone dry. Corn is tasseling now. Pinkeye is all over the county. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

Spotty showers over the weekend. Lots of straw going up. Soybeans are still being planted. Hoping for a wet week ahead. **Jonathan Rhea, Monroe County**

Hot, dry weather continues with occasional spotty showers. Row crop producers waiting for moisture to continue planting. **Jerry Lamb, Rhea County**

Several widespread rains have improved soil moisture. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**