

# Crop Progress

## As reported by NASS on August 10, 2015

### LATE WEEK RAINS BOOST CROPS

A rain producing front late in the week was a welcome sight and helped boost crop development. Even through the mostly dry weather, however, crops progressed well. Hay harvest was delayed because of the rain. Sugarcane aphids continue to spread in the grain sorghum crop and some fields reached threshold levels and were treated. Cattle and pasture were in condition, though some cattle producers reported pinkeye in their herd. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % August 9, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	14%	56%	28%
	US	2%	7%	21%	52%	18%
Soybeans	TN	1%	4%	16%	59%	20%
	US	3%	8%	26%	49%	14%
Cotton	TN	0%	2%	21%	58%	19%
	US	1%	8%	35%	45%	11%
Pasture	TN	1%	8%	26%	58%	7%
	US	3%	11%	31%	46%	9%
Crop Progress						
		August 9, 2015	August 2, 2015	August 9, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Blooming	TN	82%	72%	82%	83%	
	US	88%	81%	91%	91%	
Soybeans Setting Pods	TN	69%	54%	70%	66%	
	US	54%	34%	54%	49%	
Cotton Squaring	TN	93%	90%	100%	98%	
	US	96%	92%	95%	97%	
Cotton Setting Bolls	TN	73%	58%	80%	82%	
	US	68%	57%	81%	79%	

		August 9, 2015	August 2, 2015	August 9, 2014	5 Year Average
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	1%	--	2%	1%
	US	7%	--	6%	8%
Corn – Dough	TN	74%	59%	67%	77%
	US	50%	29%	51%	49%
Corn – Dented	TN	29%	--	19%	54%
	US	9%	--	9%	15%

Moisture % August 9, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	2%	20%	68%	10%
	US	8%	24%	60%	8%
Subsoil	TN	1%	22%	67%	10%
	US	6%	22%	65%	7%

### County Agent Comments

*Have received some much needed rain this week, just not enough. Crops continue to progress well in spite of dry conditions. Finding more and more sugarcane aphids in spots in more grain sorghum fields but at this point most sightings are a watch and see situation. One field reached threshold level of infestation and was treated this past week. Producers are encouraged to keep an eye on this pest on a field by field basis. Overall, grain sorghum crop is looking good.*

*Beginning to see late season pigweed escapes popping through crop canopy in some cases. Insect pressures in all other crops remains very light. Some flooded acreage is being replanted since flood waters have receded. Very risky situation.* **Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*Not much has changed on the agricultural front. Recent rains were very beneficial for upland cotton, corn, and soybeans to aide crops in reaching maturity. Some producers are planting soybeans in bottom areas that were previously flooded. Beef cattle and pastures are in excellent condition.* **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*The farmers in Fayette County were busy Monday and Tuesday doing field work spraying insects and weeds. Mid-week, we received heavy rains and wind. The wind blew some crops over. More rain occurred Thursday and Friday. Crops look good for the most part. Armyworms are in Bermuda, sugarcane aphids are in milo and the usual insects are in cotton and beans.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Crops and pastures continue to progress very well as once again the county received 2" of rain.*  
**Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*Crops are looking pretty good. The showers Wednesday and Thursday were much needed to help finish some crops out and help some late wheat beans start setting pods.*

**Jake Mallard, Madison County**

*Extremely hot and dry conditions have dropped crop conditions this week. Most of the county received rainfall Wednesday into Thursday. Amounts varied from less than .5" up to 2" depending on your location in the county. Rainfall and cooler temperatures will help greatly with crop conditions. Some corn acreage has received fungicide applications due to Southern Rust.*  
**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*A good generalized mid-week rain was a welcome sight as most of the county was experiencing the driest period of the summer. All crops still look extremely good as we head into the "Dog Days of Summer".*  
**Calvin Bryant III, Lawrence County**

*Acres of the county getting extremely dry while other have received some rain. Beans could really use a good rain right now. Some reports of hay being fed due to pasture conditions.*  
**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*We have been dry up until Thursday and we got one inch which was really needed. The dry weather has done considerable damage to our later planted corn and to our beans. It has dried up a lot of our pastures. I'm in hopes that we will get more of this rain in the near future.*  
**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Dry most of the week with significant showers later part of week. Corn and soybeans producers report crops are progressing with no major issues. They were appreciative of the late week rain showers. Hay harvest continues. Some Bermuda grass stem maggot damage reported. Cattle producers continue to report pinkeye issues that are difficult to resolve.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*Finally a little relief from extreme heat and dry, a front passing through Thursday evening produced from 0.8 to about an inch across the County bringing some cooler temps. Crops were really showing signs of moisture stress the first half of the week. Early corn is dented and beginning to dry down, farmers were busy preparing combines and harvesting hay.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*Heavy rainfall on Wednesday and Thursday.*  
**David Bussell, Overton County**

*Several corn fields have been harvested, soybeans are setting pods rapidly and the tobacco harvest is about 30% done. Weather has been dry and mild for the past 2 weeks, punctuated with heat in the mid-90's only a couple times.* **Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County**

*Scattered showers interrupted hay harvest. Soybeans and corn took advantage of the rains to make improvement, particularly the late-planted beans. Cooler night temperatures in the low 70's and moisture have improved pasture growth.* **John Wilson, Blount County**

*Corn and beans looking great! Dairy producers are planning to start chopping corn silage next week. 3/4 inch of rain this week stopped hay production.* **John Goddard, Loudon County**