

# Crop Progress

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## COTTON DEFOLIATION BEGINS

Dry weather across the state allowed corn and grain sorghum harvest to resume, with good yields being reported. Cotton farmers began defoliating in anticipation of the upcoming harvest. Soybeans were dropping leaves. Hay harvest continued, with conditions being almost perfect for baling. Cattle were doing well, but producers were concerned about dropping prices. There were 6.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 8 percent very short, 26 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Crop Condition % September 20, 2015						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	TN	0%	2%	13%	53%	32%
	US	3%	7%	22%	49%	19%
Soybeans	TN	2%	4%	17%	59%	18%
	US	3%	8%	26%	48%	15%
Cotton	TN	0%	1%	17%	58%	24%
	US	2%	10%	36%	43%	9%
Pasture	TN	2%	10%	31%	53%	4%
	US	6%	14%	34%	39%	7%
Crop Progress						
		September 20, 2015	September 13, 2015	September 20, 2014	5 Year Average	
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	TN	48%	32%	40%	46%	
	US	56%	35%	42%	50%	
Soybeans – Harvested	TN	5%	--	6%	6%	
	US	7%	--	3%	7%	
Cotton – Boll Opening	TN	57%	42%	59%	66%	
	US	57%	46%	57%	61%	
Cotton – Harvested	TN	2%	0%	1%	5%	
	US	7%	4%	8%	9%	
Corn – Mature	TN	87%	74%	82%	89%	
	US	53%	35%	40%	56%	
Corn Harvested	TN	43%	17%	35%	59%	
	US	10%	5%	7%	15%	

Moisture % September 20, 2015					
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	TN	8%	26%	61%	5%
	US	11%	27%	57%	5%
Subsoil	TN	8%	25%	62%	5%
	US	9%	27%	60%	4%

### County Agent Comments

*All harvests but cotton are in full throttle mode. Yields doing well. Some cotton defoliation sprays have begun. Grain sorghum yields are ranging from 110 to 140 bushels.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*The farmers in Fayette County got started on harvest about mid-week due to last week's rains. Corn, milo and beans are being harvested. Cotton defoliation has also started. Yields seem to be good from what I am hearing.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Corn is rapidly drying down and producers are scrambling to keep up. Yields are generally good with the south end of the county seeing average to below average yields. The remainder of the county is seeing above average to excellent yields. Grain sorghum harvest is about 50% complete with yields running in the 80-110 bushel range. Later planted soybeans would still benefit from a rain.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Corn harvest going strong. Some dry land acres yielding around 230 bu.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Great week for harvesting hay, soybeans and corn. Pastures and hay look good along with our cattle.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Soybean harvest began this week with farmers reporting excellent yields.*

**Chris Hicks, Smith County**

*No rain to interrupt harvest this week so everything "sailing" right along. Soybean yields reported are very good and most are pleased with their corn yields. Silage harvest is complete and again yield exceeded storage capacity so more bagging was utilized. Cattle are good but producers are concerned about the decline in prices and where the bottom might be.*

**Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*Despite an excellent week of harvest weather, harvest progress is still lagging way behind normal. About 25% of the corn crop has been shelled with most producers reporting the majority of their field average yields above 200 bushels per acre. A number of producers have opted to harvest beans before corn, about 10% harvested with yields ranging from 50 to 70 bushels. Producers also reported seeding cover crops and preparing fields to plant canola. Pastures are in excellent condition and producers are still harvesting fall hay.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*Most of the soybeans have dropped leaves, corn is being harvested with good yields (slightly below last year's yields), and there has been quite a bit more hay put up. Everyone have a good rest of the week. **Matthew Deist, Marion County***

*No rain in past 5 days, sunshine and 85 degrees. Soybeans have been sprayed and are beginning to drop leaves. Corn is the final stages before harvest. **David Bussell, Overton County***

*Lots of corn combined this week with good yields. Lots of hay baled this week too. **John Goddard, Loudon County***