



**FARMERS CONTINUE TO FALL BEHIND SCHEDULE**

For the third consecutive week, rainfall continued to delay harvest and seeding. Producers struggled to make much progress last week, as showers limited the days suitable for fieldwork to only two. Cotton harvest advanced only slightly from the week earlier and currently lags almost 3 weeks behind the 5-year average. Within the last three weeks cotton harvest has only progressed by 16 percentage points, while the normal progression is around 30 points for this same time period. Soybean harvest has progressed only 12 percentage points in the last three weeks, whereas normally it would have increased 35 points. Soybean harvest progress is currently about a week behind the normal pace. The wet weather has also limited the amount of 2005 winter wheat acreage sown. Winter wheat seeding progress, at 28 percent, is close to two weeks behind normal. The rains, however, have provided good moisture for germination, as well as stripping burley tobacco and helping improved pastures. Over half of the burley crop has been stripped, steady with last year and ahead of the normal pace by about four days. Other activities last week included working on equipment, repairing fences, and updating farm records. Temperatures across the State averaged above normal for the week. As of Friday, topsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS: Through October 31, 2004					CONDITION: On October 29, 2004					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2003	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	Percent					Percent				
Cotton - Harvested	51	42	56	77	Pastures	0	4	23	62	11
Soybeans Harvested	49	45	57	61						
Burley Tobacco Stripped	51	43	52	43						
Winter Wheat Seeded	28	24	73	56						
Winter Wheat Emerged	20	9	37	22						

**COTTON:** Over half of the cotton acreage has been harvested, only slightly behind last year but almost three weeks behind the 5-year average pace. Growers had defoliated almost all of their acreage, but continued to struggle to get into the fields to harvest.

**SOYBEANS:** Soybeans harvest is a couple days behind last year and a week behind the normal pace with almost half the acreage harvested. Farmers are in need of drier conditions to finish harvesting.

**TOBACCO:** As of Sunday, slightly over half of the burley crop had been stripped, in-line with last year but ahead of the 5-year average. With the continuous moist conditions, growers have had little difficulty preparing tobacco for market.

**WINTER WHEAT:** Growers made little progress last week, seeding only an additional 4 percent of the 2005 winter wheat crop, which is over three weeks behind last year and about two weeks behind the 5-year average. Nearly all that has been seeded, has emerged.

**PASTURES & HAY:** Pastures improved slightly with the recent rainfall and almost three-fourths of the acreage was rated in good-to-excellent condition.

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION**  
**For week ending: October 31st,2004(with comparisons)**

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				GDD BASE 60F	
	Week Ending Oct 31, 2004				Current Week 10/31/04	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal	Since April 1	
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN				Total	DFN	
Ames_Plantation	86	56	73	+17	0.63	3	49.63	+7.21	2570	+112
Tri-City_RGNL_A	76	43	63	+12	0.93	4	43.65	+9.17	1866	+189
Brownsville_TN	86	55	73	+17	0.59	2	45.71	+3.45	2730	+563
Chattanooga/Lov	82	53	70	+15	0.34	3	45.51	+1.71	2670	+296
Clarksville_Sew	83	50	69	+16	0.12	2	32.18	-8.88	2435	+236
Cookeville	81	47	66	+14	0.34	4	51.30	+4.74	2013	+665
Covington	85	54	72	+17	0.56	3	42.13	+0.63	2413	-93
Crossville_AP	78	49	67	+16	0.27	3	50.95	+5.47	1783	+252
Dickson_AG	82	48	67	+13	2.25	3	53.14	+9.41	2032	-244
Dover_1W	82	51	69	+17	0.72	3	36.37	-6.48	2247	+291
Dyersburg	88	52	73	+17	4.00	4	36.63	-3.82	2622	-44
Erwin_1W	81	45	64	+14	1.11	4	46.87	+5.58	1796	-189
Huntingdon_Wate	82	52	69	+16	2.42	5	49.60	+6.13	2379	+312
Jackson_Exp_Stn	84	55	72	+17	0.67	5	43.86	+1.49	2567	+166
Kingston_AG	79	47	66	+15	0.27	2	46.95	-0.87	2098	+309
Knoxville_AP	78	49	68	+15	0.64	2	42.82	+3.87	2384	+354
Lewisburg	83	50	69	+16	1.22	4	54.06	+9.13	2269	+232
Lexington_TN	83	52	70	+15	2.97	4	50.01	+8.62	2396	+959
Linden	85	48	68	+16	3.00	4	51.72	+6.96	2209	+149
Martin	83	51	70	+16	1.30	6	39.01	-4.06	2457	+172
Mc_Minville_Tn	81	50	69	+15	0.05	3	47.68	+3.85	2321	-239
Memphis_AG	86	55	73	+15	0.57	4	43.23	+1.84	2748	-249
Milan	86	50	70	+17	2.51	5	43.11	-0.97	2378	+150
Murfreesboro_5N	83	54	70	+16	0.53	3	44.79	+1.00	2313	-251
Nashville_Metro	83	51	70	+15	0.47	3	48.02	+9.34	2569	+143
Newcomb	78	43	64	+14	0.37	3	47.75	+2.19	1762	+329
Oneida	78	46	65	+15	0.67	5	45.44	-0.12	1825	-348
Pikeville	81	47	67	+13	0.31	2	46.16	+2.60	2221	+248
Portland_TN	81	48	67	+15	0.24	4	48.70	+6.70	2160	+169
Pulaski_Water_P	82	52	69	+13	1.49	4	59.27	+14.35	2249	-149
Savannah_6SW	86	53	73	+17	1.30	4	58.65	+12.95	2446	+318
Sparta_TN	84	49	68	+16	0.12	3	52.55	+7.37	2356	+634
Springfield	82	49	68	+16	0.16	2	46.16	+5.79	2190	+200
Springhill	85	49	69	+16	0.87	5	51.46	+6.72	2383	+357
Union_City	83	48	69	+16	1.74	6	39.93	-2.29	2200	-1
Waynesboro_TN	83	53	70	+18	1.16	5	59.02	+12.30	2192	-97

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). GDD = Growing Degree Days.  
Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
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