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WHEAT HARVEST ROLLS AHEAD

With virtually the entire wheat crop ripe, harvest was in full swing last week. Farmers combined nearly half of the crop last week, as all seven days were considered suitable for fieldwork. Overall, three-fourths of the State's wheat acreage has been harvested, a full week ahead of the normal pace. As of Sunday, over a third of the cotton crop was squaring, slightly ahead of the 5-year average pace. The State's corn crop made good progress last week, as a quarter of the acreage had reached the silking stage, also slightly ahead of the 5-year average pace. Nearly ninety percent of the tobacco crop has been transplanted, slightly behind last year but in line with the 5-year average. Hay producers were nearing completion of their first cutting and some had concerns about the lack of re-growth due to recent, dry conditions. Pastures were rated in mostly fair-to-good condition.

As of Friday, topsoil moisture levels were rated 13 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 51 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 7 percent very short, 30 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Temperatures last week averaged near normal across the entire State. Precipitation last week averaged above normal across Middle and West Tennessee, but below normal across East Tennessee and the Plateau.

CROP PROGRESS: Thr	CONDITION: On June 16, 2006										
Сгор	This Week	Last Week	2005	Five Year Avg.		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- lent	
Percent						Percent					
Corn Silking	25	n/a	10	19	Corn	3	9	21	49	18	
Cotton Squaring	39	12	41	34	Cotton	0	5	24	60	11	
Hay 1 st Cutting	91	81	91	89	Hay	1	9	37	48	5	
Soybeans Planted	95	89	91	79	Pastures	1	8	28	57	6	
Soybeans Emerged	79	70	84	67	Soybeans	2	5	24	56	13	
Tobacco Transplanted	89	78	92	89							
Winter Wheat Ripe	98	92	80	91							
Winter Wheat Harvested	75	27	35	41							

n/a= not available

County Agent Comments

"Wheat harvest has progressed very well this week. Yields are turning out excellent. Need a good rain on everything. Double-cropped soybeans behind wheat are all that is left to finish soybean planting. That planting is rapidly occurring and will be complete by mid to the late part of next week."

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Week Ending June 18, 2006

"No rain this week and lots of hay has been baled. Soybean planting is about done. Best crop of wheat in many years in our county."

Steve Glass, Decatur County

"Some early black shank disease showing up in tobacco. Dry weather is causing some corn to twist."

David K. Glover, Smith County

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

"We need rain, but it is good for harvesting wheat."

"No rain in the past 12-14 days along with high temperatures and stiff breezes are taking their toll on soil moisture and crops."

Dean Northcutt, Coffee County

"Producers took advantage of good hay making weather during the week. All row crops and forage crops are in need of moisture. Producers continue to report heavy populations of horn and face flies, with control measures moderately effective."

Bob Sliger, Monroe County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION For week ending: June 18, 2006 (with comparisons)

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	TEMPERATURE					GDD BASE 60F						
LOCATION	Week Ending				Current	Rain	Current	Departure	Since April 1			
	June 18, 2006			Week 06/18/06	Days	Since January 1	From Normal					
Asses Dissist	HI	LO	AVG	DFN					Total	DFN		
Ames_Plantation	97	57	76	1	0.93	1	24.15	-2.45	808	150		
Tri-City_RGNL_A	87	51	70	-2	1.49	1	19.54	-0.02	377	22		
Brownsville_TN	95	60	77	-1	1.43	1	25.63	-1.13	857	352		
Chattanooga/Lov	94	60	77	2	0.05	1	18.74	-7.70	750	199		
Clarksville_Sew	93	51	72	-3	1.49	3	21.93	-2.82	667	139		
Cookeville	90	55	72	-2	0.00	0	26.24	-1.32	462	192		
Covington	93	59	75	-3	1.56	1	24.23	-2.31	775	130		
Crossville_AP	86	54	71	1	0.02	1	23.45	-3.95	434	105		
Dayton	92	58	74	1	0.00	0	19.98	-7.96	548	73		
Dickson_AG	88	57	73	-2	1.11	3	25.13	-1.56	575	17		
Dover_1W	89	57	73	-1	1.40	1	23.89	-1.84	596	138		
Dyersburg	95	61	77	-1	2.43	2	26.23	1.53	883	172		
Erwin_1W	86	54	70	1	0.69	2	27.02	4.18	360	-85		
Huntingdon_Wate	94	58	74	-2	3.13	2	24.64	-1.26	695	210		
_Jackson_Exp_Stn	94	58	76	0	2.63	1	25.87	-0.48	789	186		
Kingston_AG	91	55	74	2	0.14	1	26.30	-2.16	560	169		
Knoxville_AP	93	58	75	3	0.03	1	20.19	-3.32	626	169		
Lewisburg	93	52	71	-3	0.10	1	24.92	-2.29	608	148		
Lexington_TN	92	59	73	-3	1.32	2	25.21	0.10	668	379		
Linden	93	54	72	-2	1.01	2	24.98	-2.93	631	143		
Martin	94	57	74	-2	2.46	1	27.58	1.98	690	125		
Mc_Minnville_Tn	91	56	74	0	0.17	1	28.04	1.58	648	-4		
Memphis_AG	99	61	78	-2	2.02	1	26.89	0.76	888	78		
Milan	94	54	74	-1	3.25	2	25.28	-1.40	734	182		
Murfreesboro_5N	92	56	73	-2	0.16	1	27.76	1.81	622	-48		
Nashville Metro	92	61	76	0	0.01	1	21.86	-1.82	739	148		
Newcomb	90	52	70	2	0.48	1	23.15	-3.16	395	112		
Oneida	88	54	70	1	0.45	1	23.02	-3.29	400	-129		
Portland_TN	90	56	73	-1	0.30	2	20.83	-4.81	538	88		
Pulaski_Water_P	93	58	74	-2	0.08	1	28.90	1.51	642	35		
Savannah_6SW	95	59	76	0	2.05	1	28.06	-1.11	770	261		
Sparta_TN	89	55	73	1	0.00	0	29.07	2.27	583	193		
Springfield	90	53	72	-2	0.03	1	24.01	-0.55	489	40		
Springhill	94	57	74	2	0.26	2	25.31	-2.23	628	182		
Union_City	93	57	74	-2	2.75	1	29.87	4.27	652	102		
Waynesboro_TN	93	55	73	0	0.69	2	27.83	-1.11	577	4		
	30	55	13	0	0.09	۷	21.03	-1.11	511	4		

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. Copyright 2006: AWIS, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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