



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 15, 2018

SOME RELIEF FROM WET, COOL WEATHER ALLOWS PLANTING ACCELERATION

Drier weather last week provided producers the opportunity to make substantial progress in planting field crops, and applying herbicides and pesticides. There were 4.3 days suitable for field work, double the number of days last week. Though the weather was drier, cooler weather in some areas caused some damage to the peach crop. The strawberry crop was in fair to good condition. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2017	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Apples – Full Bloom	52	40	74	56	Winter Wheat	0	3	32	52	13
Corn - Planted	11	2	22	16	Pasture	1	9	38	43	9
Winter Wheat – Jointing	83	72	86	62	Strawberries	0	8	37	49	6
Winter Wheat – Headed	5	2	30	N/A						

County Agent Comments

Damage to peach crop due to freezing temperatures during bloom.

Ricky Mathenia, McNairy County

The farmers in Fayette County are waiting for dry conditions after a rain event Saturday. Last week many were planting corn and more should be planting this week when it dries. Also, a lot of burndowns went out last week.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

A tremendous amount of field work has been completed this week even though soil moisture is still somewhat high. Corn planting started as early as Monday, with momentum gaining every day this week. Corn producers were busy putting anhydrous ammonia down, spraying burn-down herbicide applications when the wind allowed, spreading dry fertilizer and planting corn.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Finally a few days of dry weather. Field work is in full swing during this small window of opportunity.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Field conditions finally allowed farmers to make excellent progress planting corn and spraying fields. All field work was brought to a halt with the weekend rain and colder temperatures.

Calvin C. Bryant, Lawrence County

We had a good week for field activities. Planters, sprayers and fertilize buggies were rolling. As of Sunday morning we have 2 inches of rain since Saturday A.M.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

The warm and dry weather had lots of farmers out in the field applying fertilizer, some were applying herbicide to control pasture weeds, and a limited amount of corn was planted late in the week on some upland fields.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

A couple of warm days with sunshine were appreciated. Some drier weather allowed some field work. Pastures looking better.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Weather permitted field work to continue, yet a large rain at the end of the week may give newly planted acreage issue. Most of the wheat and a majority of corn has been planted. Pastures look good with ample amounts of forage and cooler weather in the forecast may allow for cooler season grass growth.

Marion Diest, Marion County

Started corn planting yesterday.

John Goodard, Loudon County

Continued cool weather has held pasture back.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: April 15, 2018 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending April 15, 2018				Current Week 04/15/2018	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	84	28	49	-8	1.19	3	27.54	12.41	1.19	-0.13
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	84	28	49	-7	1.19	3	24.84	9.97	1.19	-0.09
Brownsville	80	29	49	-8	0.47	3	23.21	8.72	0.58	-0.57
Covington_3SW	76	30	49	-7	0.59	3	28.25	13.89	0.59	-0.63
Dresden	78	30	48	-7	0.43	3	16.97	2.83	0.58	-0.64
Dyersburg_Muni	77	30	47	-10	0.00	0	8.25	N/A	0.00	-1.22
Henderson_4W	82	26	47	-7	0.70	3	31.39	15.17	0.70	-0.83
Huntingdon_Wate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.29	3	27.76	13.5	0.34	-0.76
Jackson_Exp_Stn	83	26	48	-9	1.03	5	26.16	11.68	1.03	-0.22
Lexington	81	28	48	-7	1.67	4	26.79	12.65	1.67	0.63
Memphis_WFO	79	28	49	-8	0.59	3	24.9	9.99	0.59	-0.74
Milan_Exp_Stn	81	29	48	-8	0.58	5	25.68	11.77	0.58	-0.67
Paris_2SE	75	27	44	-11	0.44	3	16.27	2.01	0.58	-0.51
Selmer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.39	10.77	N/A	N/A
Union_City	76	28	45	-10	0.30	5	19.97	6.16	0.5	-0.69
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	79	30	54	-1	1.71	1	21.08	5.96	2.56	0.44
Carthage	79	26	50	-7	1.39	2	21.17	6.30	2.58	0.61
Centerville_4NE	83	29	54	-1	1.01	1	19.37	2.72	2.51	-0.16
Cheatham_L_D	83	31	55	0	1.47	1	19.46	5.08	2.34	0.28
Clarksville OUT	80	30	56	-1	1.32	2	20.06	6.75	2.06	0.30
Coalmont	75	27	51	-2	2.58	2	22.33	5.14	4.00	1.84
Columbia_3WNW	81	26	52	-4	1.60	1	22.75	6.14	3.27	0.93
Cookeville	82	27	52	-2	1.90	1	21.61	4.63	3.53	1.33
Crossville MEM	75	31	54	-1	4.30	3	22.26	5.65	4.82	2.41
Dover_1W	83	31	53	-4	1.85	2	18.40	3.24	3.10	0.83
Fayetteville_Wt	80	34	58	-1	2.87	2	23.47	6.29	4.06	1.81
Franklin	80	29	53	-4	1.71	1	19.51	4.04	2.92	0.79
Hohenwald	79	35	56	-1	1.58	2	26.05	9.61	2.79	0.77
Jamestown	77	23	52	-1	3.36	2	20.47	4.35	4.38	2.13
Kingston_Spring	83	26	51	-6	1.37	1	15.69	1.14	1.88	-0.01
Lobelville	81	26	54	-3	1.22	2	18.50	2.55	2.49	0.42
Monteagle	77	31	54	-1	2.62	2	21.97	3.43	4.10	1.56
Murfreesboro_5	79	27	53	-4	1.94	2	20.35	4.96	3.35	1.42
Nashville INTL	81	34	59	1	2.57	2	21.22	7.61	3.85	2.04
Shelbyville_Wtr	80	34	57	0	2.16	2	20.83	3.72	3.06	0.99
Sparta_WWTP	83	29	55	-2	1.67	1	21.71	5.11	3.22	1.03
Springfield_Exp	82	29	48	-8	1.03	2	17.75	3.06	1.79	-0.32
Tennessee_Ridge	82	28	54	-2	1.09	3	23.03	8.53	1.80	-0.22
Tullahoma	78	33	56	-1	1.82	2	21.48	2.79	3.01	0.38
Waynesboro	81	26	58	2	2.16	2	26.89	9.76	3.78	1.43
East										
Athens	81	32	56	0	0.80	2	18.33	0.93	2.11	-0.21
Bristol Tri-City	81	30	54	0	1.37	3	15.65	3.75	2.51	0.87
Chattanooga_Lov	79	41	60	0	2.09	3	16.72	-0.06	3.12	1.07
Gatlinburg_2SW	82	30	52	-2	0.16	3	21.22	5.44	1.75	-0.23
Greeneville_Exp	76	29	46	-8	0.07	1	13.30	1.22	1.51	-0.34
Kingston_Ag	80	30	55	-2	0.88	2	21.65	4.25	2.64	0.31
Knoxville_AP	81	39	58	0	0.61	4	16.99	2.08	2.04	0.05
Lenior_City	77	30	49	-8	0.12	2	15.39	-0.91	1.80	-0.43
Morristown_Radi	80	32	51	-4	0.39	2	17.06	2.96	3.02	1.98
Oak_Ridge	81	34	57	-1	0.66	3	20.18	3.96	1.93	-0.12
Roan_Mtn_3SW	76	24	48	-4	0.01	1	15.71	2.13	1.49	-0.87
Rogersville_1N	76	27	47	-8	0.66	1	19.95	6.36	1.64	-0.23
Townsend_5S	80	29	54	-1	0.27	2	16.63	-0.05	1.83	-0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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