



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FARMERS AWAIT DRIER CONDITIONS

Wet conditions due to recent rains kept most farmers from their fields. Some corn was planted, but most row crop farmers were limited to preparation work. Wheat development was aided by above normal temperatures. Pasture and forage condition also benefitted from the higher temperatures. There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. All Crops Flood Damage rated 3 percent severe, 16 percent moderate, 25 percent light, and 56 percent none. All Crops Rain Damage rated 3 percent severe, 18 percent moderate, 27 percent light, and 52 percent none. Winter Wheat Planted Area – Flooded Percentage was reported at 18%.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	16	8	10	14	Pasture	2	11	38	42	7
Corn – Emerged	2	N/A	0	0	Winter Wheat	1	7	33	48	11
Winter Wheat - Jointing	75	48	81	63	Strawberries	0	5	31	54	10
Winter Wheat – Headed	5	0	5	7						
Apples – Full Bloom	57	39	50	58						

County Agent Comments

Rain and then high winds again this week making spraying herbicides and planting almost impossible.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

Farmers in Fayette County are ready to plant corn if conditions will allow. Wheat looks good. Pastures and hayfields have greened-up very quickly.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

There was little field work this week with a minor acreage of corn planted. Wet soil conditions limited field access. Early planted corn beginning to emerge. Wheat is advancing in development due to above normal temperatures.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

A warm week ending with rains made for an excellent week for growing conditions for forage crops and wheat. Corn planting got into full swing.

Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County

We had sunshine give us time to get more field work done. Pastures and hay are looking better. We got a lot of fertilizer on and some spraying done. We did have a good rain on Saturday.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Some sunshine and warmer temperatures sure have made things look better. This has allowed field work for crops and some remediation of pastures from excess rain past several months. Lots of spraying and fertilization projects. Some corn planted where possible. Winter wheat has improved but has sustained some cold weather damage.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Fields aren't getting adequate time to dry out, thus putting planting and other field work further behind schedule. A slightly drier week is forecast ahead, but no guarantee fields will dry up long enough to kick back into gear. One positive is that most of the crop fields are burned down and farmers are ready to roll as soon as they're able. Pastures are looking productive, aside from a few fields of infamous buttercup. At end, we'll dry out and be back on track soon enough. You all have a great week!

Matthew Deist, Marion County

1.5 inches of rain this week so far. Everything is blooming. Lots of corn planted this week. Still cropland under water.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Heavy, extensive rains have caused flood damage in certain areas of the county. Many farmers are facing extensive field repairs due to wet weather.

Thomas Greenlee, Rhea County

Warmer temperatures have improved pastures.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County