



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## HOT, DRY WEATHER PREVAILS

Hot, dry conditions dominated most of the state allowing farmers to make significant progress planting corn, cotton and soybeans. These same conditions also placed stress on emerging crops and had some wishing for timely rains. Harvest of first-cutting hay continued to be a major activity as producers took advantage of excellent baling conditions. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 31 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 22 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	95	93	98	98	Corn	0	4	24	55	17
Corn – Emerged	88	81	94	94	Cotton	4	6	24	58	8
Corn – Silking	1	0	0	0	Soybeans	1	3	20	63	13
Cotton – Planted	91	75	92	92	Winter Wheat	2	6	29	50	13
Cotton – Squaring	4	2	4	4	Pasture	2	7	34	51	6
Hay – First Cutting	48	N/A	48	N/A	Cattle	1	5	28	57	9
Soybeans – Planted	64	49	68	60						
Soybeans – Emerged	43	28	47	40						
Tobacco – Set	39	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	86	63	89	80						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	3	N/A	N/A	N/A						

### County Agent Comments

*Finally received weather conducive to planting last week. Still planting some late corn and soybeans. Cotton acreage will be reduced due to non-favorable planting conditions. Wheat is turning with harvest to begin soon. Hay producers finally got a chance to cut hay and cows are in good to excellent condition.*

**J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*The farmers in Fayette County had a full week to spray and plant. It is getting a little dry and a shower would help. Beans are about the only crop left to plant. Wheat will be ready for harvest in a couple of weeks. All crops look good for the most part.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Another hot, windy week has dried out even the wetter, river-bottom fields allowing corn planting to finish and speeding soybean planting along. Showers and thunderstorms mid-week dropped varying amounts of a trace to 1.25" depending on location. Wheat is maturing rapidly with harvest anticipated in 7-10 days. Forage harvest is continuing at a steady clip with good drying conditions.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*We received a little rain on Thursday (1/4 -3/4 inches) around the county. We were getting a little dry. Most all of the early tobacco has been set and a great portion of the 1st hay cutting is complete, due to 2 previous weeks of dry weather.*

**Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

*We really need rain. It's been two weeks since we had any but corn is twisting and we have soybeans that have not germinated. All beans are in the ground except those that will follow wheat. Hay making has been good the last two weeks.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Both topsoil and subsoil moisture levels have been depleted due to lack of rainfall and high temperatures.*

**David Cook, Davidson County**

*Another dry week. Lots of hay being harvested. Mixed reports of hay yield. Crop work continues but needing some rain.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*.2 inches of rain last night. Need more rain. 1st cutting of hay near completion. Corn and beans look good for now.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Very dry conditions in Polk County. No measurable rain since early May.*

**R. Greg Paxton, Polk County**

*Some areas are starting to feel the effects of an extended period with no rain coupled with temperatures well into the 90's.*

**Thomas Greenlee, Rhea County**

*Hot temperatures and less rainfall has slowed pasture growth and stressed some crops.*

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

*Little to no rain coupled with temperatures in the 90's these past three weeks is visibly stressing corn and cool-season pastures. Hay making has made strong progress during this same period with favorable curing conditions. Strawberry crop is about done and production/bloom set was down this year.*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

*This is hard for me to say after such a wet winter and spring but with no rain for 13 or 14 days and temps in the 90's - newly planted row crops could use some moisture.*

**Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County**

*Dry and hot but the excess spring rains should keep the subsoil moisture adequate if plant roots have already gotten a good start.*

**Tom Stebbins, Hamilton County**