



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## RAINS BRING MUCH NEEDED RELIEF TO STATE'S DRY AREAS

Following dry, hot weather that had started to negatively impact the State's agricultural conditions, rains last week ruled and improved those circumstances. Most producers were able to get their first cuttings of hay harvested before the rains set in. Industrial hemp transplanting started and wheat harvest is expected to start soon. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 11 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	99	95	100	99	Corn	1	4	23	55	17
Corn – Emerged	93	88	97	97	Cotton	4	8	24	52	12
Corn – Silking	2	1	1	1	Soybeans	1	3	19	63	14
Cotton – Planted	97	91	98	97	Winter Wheat	2	6	29	50	13
Cotton – Squaring	15	4	14	11	Pasture	1	6	33	53	7
Hay – First Cutting	75	48	71	N/A						
Soybeans – Planted	77	64	78	69						
Soybeans – Emerged	59	43	58	52						
Tobacco – Set	63	39	N/A	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Headed	100	100	100	100						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	95	86	96	91						
Winter Wheat – Mature <sup>1/</sup>	51	40	62	57						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	15	3	11	N/A						

### County Agent Comments

*The farmers in Fayette County had a few days when they could plant and spray before much needed rain moved in. Wheat harvest will start soon.*

Jeff Via, Fayette County

*Many producers have completed planting of full season soybeans and are waiting on wheat harvest to complete the planting season. A small amount of wheat has been harvested to check grain-moisture level and adjust combines. Light rain showers at the end of the week will help both corn and soybeans.*

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

*Much needed rain at the end of the week helped boost crop conditions, and brought all field work to a halt. Getting good yield reports on first cutting of hay.*

Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County

*Extremely dry in parts of the county, rain falling 6/7/2019 (1 1/2" at time of this report so far) is really going to help recently set tobacco. Corn looks good but was beginning to suffer from dry weather. Many producers were able to get most 1st cutting hay up during dry period. Industrial hemp is beginning to be transplanted, greenhouse growers have had to deal with some insect pressure (mites) but seem to have them under control for the most part.*

Keith Allen, Macon County

*Rain was welcomed over the weekend. Over 3 inches in most areas. Corn and hay fields have really responded well.*

Matt Webb, Marshall County

*Much needed rain started yesterday and most people had an inch by Friday afternoon. The dry weather has been hard on crops and pasture. Wheat harvest will start next week if weather permits. Wheat yields will be down because of lack of tillering. Grain quality looks good so far. Hay yields are down on small grains and other cool season grasses.*

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

*Much needed rain fell this week. It halted field work but most producers had completed their first cutting of hay. Tobacco growers halted transplanting waiting on moisture.*

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

*Rains this past week benefitted Clay County's winter wheat cover crop, which is in mostly good condition.*  
Kristen Rich, Clay County

*Much needed rain halted all field work this week.*  
Kevin Rose, Giles County

*Spotty showers across the county. Some areas received an abundant amount and some areas much less. Corn looks better after the showers. Soybeans look good. Cooler temperatures are good for cattle.*  
A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

*With nearly two inches of rainfall spaced out over the week, lack of moisture should no longer be a problem. Nearly all of the corn crop is in the ground and the planting of wheat beans is creeping closer to completion. Pastures are perking up and most everyone has had a chance to harvest their first cutting of hay. Looking good in Marion County. You all have a great week.*  
Matthew Deist, Marion County

*Some much needed rain this week improved planting conditions. County reports indicate that the entire county received at least an inch with some receiving more as of 6/8.*  
Heath Nokes, Warren County

*Nearly 2 inches of rain this week! Corn and beans needed it. First cutting of hay about complete. Corn and bean planting nearly complete.*  
John Goddard, Loudon County

*4 inches of rainfall drastically improved soil moisture, crops, and pasture.*  
Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

*Thundershowers at weeks' end brought much needed moisture to pastures and crops. Soybean planting should now resume with improved conditions.*  
John Wilson, Blount County

*Several days with slow, steady rains and reduced temperatures have greatly improved growing conditions.*  
Jason Debusk, Bradley County

1/ Mature for previous week and 5-year average estimated.

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