



Tennessee Crop Weather

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CORN PRODUCERS PREPARE FOR HARVEST

Hot, dry weather prevailed over most of the state, providing ample opportunities for fieldwork. Corn producers were busy preparing for harvest with some expected to begin harvesting as early as this week. Soybean and cotton growers sprayed for insects and applied fungicides. Hay baling continued to be a major activity with farmers working on their second and third cuttings. Despite the heat, pastures and cattle looked good for this time of year. There were 6.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Silking	100	98	100	100	Corn	1	3	12	57	27
Corn – Dough	93	89	97	95	Cotton	6	8	21	50	15
Corn – Dented	62	45	69	64	Soybeans	2	5	19	60	14
Corn – Mature	4	N/A	5	6	Tobacco	2	9	33	40	16
Cotton – Setting Bolls	94	80	97	91	Pasture	1	7	28	55	9
Cotton – Bolls Opening	4	3	13	8						
Soybeans – Blooming	90	85	96	94						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	73	66	87	81						
Tobacco – Topped	84	82	87	81						

County Agent Comments

Crop and pasture conditions very good for this time of year. Some irrigation rigs were running last week. Corn is nearing harvest. Seen an increase in insect pressure in soybeans this last week. Condition of cattle is very good overall for this time of year.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week to spray for pests last week. Other than that, farmers cut and baled hay. Corn is getting close - a few more weeks until harvest. Some with dryers may start this week or next.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

High temperatures and little to no rainfall have dropped crop ratings. Corn is beginning to mature with some limited harvest expected next week. Dryland soybeans are starting to show moisture stress each afternoon. Irrigation is on-going where available.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Silage harvest has been underway the last two weeks. A lot of hay was cut this past week; mixture of 2nd and 3rd cuttings. Cattle condition has been good. Gardens and fruits are in declining stages with some preparing to plant winter turnip greens. Blight in tomatoes has been an issue this summer.

Matt Webb, Marshall County

Pasture spraying, pasture clipping, hay baling, and fungicide spraying are the main activities this week. We could use some rain this week because the high temps are drying us out in a hurry.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Typical August weather has remained hot and dry this week, which has depleted both topsoil and subsoil moisture levels. Overall, pasture and range conditions remain in very good condition.

David Cook, Davidson County

Fungicides being applied to some soybeans. Many acres of hay being harvested. Pastures look very good for this time of year.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

We did have some showers but another good week for row crop and hay work. Silage being harvested with reports of high quality and production. Soybean producers reporting some insect pressure. Hay harvest continues as weather permits. Some very high temperatures and high humidity days continue to stress cattle and farmers.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Another week of little to no moisture has row crops and pastures stressed. On a positive note, corn harvest should start this week and yields are expected to be good. From a cattle producer side, second cuttings of hay are in the barn with yields less than spring cuttings. Cattle are still looking good for the time of year. You all have a great week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

The northern part of the county is in a drought.

Jason Garrett, Overton County

Hot and dry weather this past week. Several acres of hay harvested.

Steve Harris, Coffee County

Some hay went up this week. Conditions are getting dry. Only .1 inch of rain this week. 90 degrees highs this week. We need rain!

John Goddard, Loudon County

Received good rain this week across the area, but hot temperatures have dried soils some.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

With the exception of some small areas that received a shower last week, most areas of the county are getting very dry.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County

Hemp production diseases that have been noted in county: Hemp leaf spot, septoria Leaf Spot, and cercospora spot.

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

Silage harvest beginning with widely variable yields. Getting dry quickly - a few cattle producers on shallow soils are beginning to feed hay. Too late to help most corn yields but pastures, hay and soybeans could really benefit from some good rains.

Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County