



Tennessee Crop Weather

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DRY WEATHER CAUSES CONCERN

Corn harvest was in full swing with producers generally reporting good yields. However, soybean growers, particularly those with late-planted beans, were concerned about the effects of the recent hot, dry weather. Baling of hay continued to be a major activity due to near perfect harvesting conditions. Hemp growers noted some disease pressure, but this did not appear to be affecting yields. Pasture conditions deteriorated rapidly as soil moisture decreased, causing worries among livestock producers. There were 6.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 41 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 55 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Dough	100	98	100	99	Corn	1	2	15	59	23
Corn – Dented	94	87	96	95	Cotton	4	7	20	56	13
Corn – Mature	63	42	69	65	Soybeans	1	4	26	57	12
Corn – Harvested	16	5	21	18	Tobacco	5	17	41	28	9
Cotton – Bolls Opening	27	13	66	40	Pasture	3	14	40	37	6
Soybeans – Setting Pods	95	89	100	96						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	27	17	21	21						
Soybeans – Harvested	2	0	3	1						
Tobacco – Topped	96	91	N/A	N/A						
Tobacco – Cut	63	47	56	45						

County Agent Comments

Farmers have been busy over the last week with corn harvest. Seeing a lot of 200 bushel corn. Bolls are opening on cotton. Some early soybeans have started dropping leaves. Insect pressure seems light. Some beef producers harvested another cutting of hay. The quality appears to continue to be pretty good.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County have started corn harvest. We are dry and could use a rain. Some hayfields are being harvested.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Getting really dry fast.

Brian White, Henderson County

Corn harvest is gaining momentum as grain moisture continues to drop. Good to excellent yields being reported. Early maturing soybeans are dropping leaves with a small acreage harvested. Forage harvesting continues with excellent drying conditions. Lime applications and seeding cover crops has started.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

We need rain badly. Ponds and natural water supplies are low and grass is dying. If this "drought" continues farmers will have to begin to feed hay soon.

Laurie Mobley, Houston County

Another hot and dry week had corn harvest in full swing with reports of excellent yields. Pastures and late soybeans are in need of some rain.

Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County

Soybean harvest started this week and corn harvest is getting underway as well. It's dry over most of the county; it's getting easy to identify where the rocks are in pastures with thin soils. Some very late corn is exhibiting extensive twisting.

Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County

Tobacco harvest is in full swing this week. Final cutting of hay is finishing up across the county this week. Corn harvest continues and yields look good at this point.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Conditions have dried considerably over the past 10 days with no rainfall. Pastures are looking very dry now. Corn harvest is wide open.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Dry conditions have persisted this week with several producers expressing need of rain. Pastures are showing the effects of dry weather. The dry weather is of concern to soybean producers. Good weather for fall hay harvest.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Corn silage being chopped this week. Corn grain being harvested this week (200 bu. ac). Need rain!

John Goddard, Loudon County

Very dry conditions currently.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Another dry week. Pastures are diminishing with no rain and daily high temperatures remaining in the 90's. Hay harvest continues but yields are lacking due to dry conditions.

John Wilson, Blount County

Hemp fields are showing diseases, but yield does not seem to be affected at this time. Tomato yields are normal for this time of year.

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

It has been dry the past three weeks. Pasture is starting to turn brown in some areas. Tobacco is being cut and most corn is about two to four weeks from being ready to harvest.

James Blake Ramsey, Hawkins County