



Tennessee Crop Weather

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TENNESSEE PERSISTS DESPITE DRY CONDITIONS

Corn harvest continues to progress rapidly with producers reporting favorable yields. Soybean growers with late-planted beans continue to feel effects of the extended hot, dry weather. Baling of hay continued to be a major activity due to near perfect harvesting conditions; some report concerns of quality. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate as soil moisture decreased, causing worries among livestock producers. Some indicate that the need to feed hay is approaching; creating concern about stock levels through the winter. There were 6.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 25 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 25 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated 19 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 33 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Dented	97	94	99	97	Corn	1	2	14	55	28
Corn – Mature	84	63	82	81	Cotton	4	8	29	45	14
Corn – Harvested	38	16	38	35	Soybeans	2	6	30	51	11
Cotton-Bolls Opening	47	27	78	56	Tobacco	2	8	29	41	20
Soybeans – Setting Pods	98	68	100	98	Pasture	5	21	46	23	5
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	39	27	38	37						
Soybeans – Harvested	9	2	7	3						
Tobacco – Cut	80	63	64	59						
Winter Wheat – Planted	1	N/A	3	N/A						

County Agent Comments

Pastures are burning up.

Becky Muller, Tipton County

Corn harvest is well underway with excellent yields being reported. Farmers are harvesting early planted soybeans as well. Later planted beans are filling pods and dropping leaves. Bolls are opening on cotton. We are expecting good yields on all crops. It's getting dry, and we could use a rain, however, the dry weather is good for harvesting. Cattle and pastures are in good condition and hay producers are making final cutting of hay.

J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

Corn growers are going full speed harvesting the crop as hot and dry conditions have really aided harvest. In talking with a number of farmers all over the county this is shaping up to be an excellent corn year. Other crops are looking good.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County have been busy harvesting corn. A few beans have been harvested as well Cotton is being defoliated and wheat will be planted when we receive some moisture.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Corn harvest is in full swing. Getting very dry. Pastures are going down-hill in a hurry.

Jared Stricklin, Hardin County

Extremely dry.

Brian White, Henderson County

Dry weather has corn harvest in full swing. Yields are very good to excellent. Soybean harvest has started on early-maturing varieties with very good yields. Dry soil conditions and high temperatures are wrecking double-crop soybeans. Forage harvest continues with excellent drying conditions. Producers are seeding cover-crops.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Hay, tobacco, and corn harvest are going well. We are getting pretty dry and in need of some rain.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Very Dry! Harvest is progressing nicely. Pastures need a rain, starting to look bad.

James Harlan, Hickman County

The majority of the county has not seen rain since July. We are extremely dry and it shows in pastures across the county. Producers are planning on feeding hay at the beginning of October if we don't get any rain...and by the weather forecast ...it looks like they will begin feeding soon. Many aren't sure they have enough hay to last the winter if they begin feeding now. It's going to be rough for farmers if something doesn't happen.

Laurie Mobley, Houston County

Really need some rain!

Jerri Lynn Sims, Humphreys County

Most of the county missed the scattered showers during the week. Haymaking and corn harvest continued at a rapid pace. Pastures are drying up fast forcing some to begin feeding hay.

Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County

It's dry. It has been the best weather for curing hay all year but quality may be questionable. Corn harvest is full go.

Matt Webb, Marshall County

Everything is very dry. Soybeans need some rain to develop seed on late varieties. Pastures are very dry and hay being cut now is of poor quality. Soil moisture is low and getting worse. High temps and wind are not helping.

Dill Hughes, Maury County

100 % of the county needs rain. We are the driest so far this year. Corn harvest has started and we have some beans getting close to cutting.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Excessive high temperatures and lack of adequate rainfall have deteriorated pasture and range conditions. Cool season grasses are declining while warm season grasses are still looking good.

David Cook, Davidson County

Most of the county got a 2" rain mid-week that has improved pastures for the moment. Corn harvest wide open with very good yields reported.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

A few areas in the county had some heavy downpours but the majority of the county is dry and needing rain. Corn harvest has started with producers reporting average to just above average yields. No soybean harvest reported this week but some are very close. Hot days and high temperature index is stressful on cattle and farmer alike. Pastures are browning.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Very dry, crops drying down none harvested yet except for some corn for silage, lots of hay been cut and baled last few weeks, pastures need rain.

Billy Garrett, Pickett County

Corn silage being chopped this week. Corn grain being harvested this week (200 bu. ac). Need rain! Need rain bad. Soybeans and pasture really need rain. No rain this week. Corn Harvesting all week. (300 bu/ac at one site). Most corn yields in 150-250 bu./ac. range.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Still another week of dry and hot weather. Pastures are suffering with a few producers already feeding hay to supplement.

John Wilson, Blount County