



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 8, 2016

## COTTON, SOYBEAN AND CORN PLANTING CONTINUES

Producers, determined to beat forecasted rain showers, made the most of the 4.7 days suitable for field work last week. Cotton, soybean, and corn planting increased 16, 10, and 9 percent, respectively. Hit and miss showers across the State slowed hay cutting. Farmers that got rain are hoping there was enough to improve pasture conditions. Producer's side-dressed corn as the weather allowed. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2015	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	89	80	75	71	Wheat	0	2	15	57	26
Corn – Emerged	69	45	33	48	Pasture	1	7	36	49	7
Cotton – Planted	26	10	17	15	Strawberries	0	4	25	62	9
Soybeans – Planted	22	12	15	11						
Wheat – Jointing	96	93	97	100						
Wheat – Headed	86	71	70	75						

### County Agent Comments

*Corn planting was essentially done except replanting on isolated acres. Wheat continues to progress well. Early soybean planting is full speed ahead. Cotton planting has begun in earnest with several yet to be planted. Soybean planting will continue as weather allows.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*The farmers in Fayette County were busy this past week planting cotton and beans. They were trying to beat the rain expected this coming week. Crops look good for the most part.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*As fields dried planting increased. Rains gave wheat and pastures a boost. On a side note, cooler nighttime temperatures slightly affected vegetable crops.*

**Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*Early week showers kept producers out of the field until late week. Forage producers were busy cutting hay and taking advantage of a few days of hay curing weather. Corn producers are side-dressing corn and waiting on river-bottom fields to dry out to complete corn planting. A few acres of soybeans were seeded this week.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Cool and wet weather slowed things down this week. We cut some wheat hay this week and also some alfalfa hoping to get it up before the next rain event.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*The county received very little rain this week and the ground is getting dry. Some producers are waiting on a good rain to plant soybeans. Several acres of hay harvested this week.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Enough rain showers this week to hopefully improve pastures and hay fields. Spring hay will probably be short due to lack of moisture. Some soybeans have been planted and the small corn plants that had emerged sure appreciated the drink of water.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*Need a good soaking rain! Showers this week were very scattered and isolated producing from zero to a half-inch of rain. Cooler than average temperatures produces lows in the low 40's but returned to normal temps by weeks' end. Producers were busy this week harvesting hay, laying-by corn, planting early beans.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*Some parts of the county have seen larger amounts of rainfall than others but, for the most part, it has been enough for good soil moisture. I have noticed some hay fields are doing really well. I have not noticed any corn or soybean planting yet.*

**Keith Jacob Boone, Hancock County**

*Hay cutting and tobacco setting is underway.*

**Paul Hart, Robertson County**

*Most of the wheat we have has been cut for hay.*

**Troy Dugger, Hickman County**

*April was a very dry month and pasture and hay growth is very slow. Corn planting is almost completed and bean planting is progressing at a good rate. We need a good rain.*

**Richard Groce, Maury County**

*Dry this week but rain in the forecast. Some cool season grass has been cut. Bean planting will start today. Most corn is planted already.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Rain came at weeks' end. Hay harvest has begun.*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION**  
**For week ending: May 8, 2016 (with comparisons)**

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending May 8, 2016				Current Week 05/08/2016	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1	
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN							
West											
Ames_Plantation	83	42	61	-5	1.18	2	24.09	2.10	5.74	-1.28	
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	83	42	60	-5	1.23	3	22.13	0.92	5.21	-1.46	
Brownsville	85	44	63	-4	1.66	2	28.31	7.86	6.19	-0.15	
Covington_3SW	82	45	61	-5	0.20	1	23.68	2.85	5.70	-1.06	
Dresden	84	43	60	-5	0.61	2	19.93	-0.43	5.41	-1.12	
Dyersburg_AP	86	46	63	-5	0.12	1	18.15	-0.77	4.04	-2.05	
Henderson_4W	83	41	60	-6	1.15	3	25.43	5.13	6.25	-0.01	
Huntingdon_Wate	84	43	61	-2	1.10	3	21.83	1.58	3.77	-2.14	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	85	43	61	-4	1.12	3	24.68	4.38	5.76	-0.50	
Lexington_Ag	84	42	60	-5	0.95	2	18.84	-0.68	4.68	-1.34	
Memphis_WFO	85	46	63	-4	1.08	2	31.75	11.37	7.59	0.87	
Milan_Exp_Stn	85	42	62	-2	0.43	2	22.49	2.29	3.45	-2.81	
Paris_2SE	84	44	61	-2	0.93	2	22.11	2.00	4.74	-1.27	
Selmer	84	41	60	-5	2.32	3	21.61	-0.65	6.95	0.19	
Union_City_AP	88	45	62	-2	0.12	2	17.86	-1.14	3.65	-2.49	
Middle											
Bethpage_1S	83	40	58	-6	0.53	3	14.71	-4.96	3.80	-1.79	
Carthage	83	37	60	-3	0.34	3	13.85	-5.75	3.10	-2.22	
Centerville_4NE	81	42	58	-7	0.58	3	15.51	-5.16	2.61	-3.58	
Cheatham_L_D	87	42	60	-2	1.70	1	17.06	-2.34	4.84	-0.72	
Clarksville_AP	84	43	60	-4	0.68	3	17.17	-2.20	3.80	-1.71	
Coalmont	78	33	56	-6	0.71	3	21.61	-2.97	6.19	-0.23	
Columbia_3WNW	83	40	59	-3	0.42	2	13.91	-7.81	3.19	-3.09	
Cookeville	81	42	59	-3	0.71	3	17.50	-4.22	3.88	-2.05	
Crossville_AP	80	40	59	-2	1.01	3	18.97	-2.72	6.10	0.13	
Dover_1W	84	43	60	-4	1.21	4	22.36	2.23	6.10	0.30	
Fayetteville_Wt	86	41	62	-3	0.55	4	22.94	0.79	5.94	0.25	
Franklin	79	37	55	-8	0.66	3	13.76	-6.63	2.35	-3.47	
Hohenwald	79	41	59	-6	0.73	4	18.53	-4.01	4.54	-2.06	
Jamestown	79	40	57	-3	1.53	3	17.17	-2.90	5.00	-0.47	
Kingston_Spring	84	40	59	-4	1.20	3	16.07	-3.47	3.70	-1.91	
Lobelville	83	40	60	-5	0.65	3	19.56	-2.00	3.71	-2.42	
Monteagle	76	40	56	-6	1.77	2	21.74	-2.84	5.88	-0.54	
Murfreesboro_5N	84	39	60	-3	0.52	3	15.28	-4.78	3.23	-2.28	
Nashville_Metro	86	44	62	-3	0.46	2	12.84	-5.02	2.00	-3.19	
Shelbyville_Wtr	84	41	61	-3	0.73	3	16.46	-4.81	1.97	-3.57	
Sparta_WWTP	83	40	59	-5	2.41	3	18.51	-2.75	6.22	0.66	
Springfield_Exp	84	41	59	-4	1.06	3	15.58	-3.33	3.77	-1.87	
Tennessee_Ridge	84	44	60	-3	1.06	3	20.55	-0.57	5.06	-1.03	
Wartrace_6E	77	42	58	-6	0.42	2	16.46	-7.09	3.41	-2.85	
Waynesboro_Ag	83	38	59	-4	0.54	2	19.16	-3.99	4.59	-2.12	
East											
Athens	83	41	61	-2	1.05	4	19.66	-3.89	6.16	0.12	
Chattanooga_Lov	83	44	65	0	0.60	2	16.44	-5.46	3.15	-2.14	
Gatlinburg_2SW	80	41	58	-3	1.92	5	15.30	-5.24	5.45	-0.24	
Greeneville_Exp	80	37	58	1	1.20	5	13.51	-2.77	4.72	-0.11	
Kingston_Ag	82	44	60	-1	1.06	3	19.08	-3.81	5.28	-0.67	
Knoxville_AP	83	45	63	0	0.65	5	15.95	-3.11	3.61	-1.55	
Lenior_City	81	41	61	-3	0.88	4	17.71	-3.63	4.42	-1.26	
Morristown_Radi	79	43	61	-2	0.48	5	13.76	-3.78	3.89	-0.73	
Oak_Ridge	85	43	63	1	0.51	3	19.79	-1.31	5.42	-0.17	
Roan_Mtn_2SE	79	29	56	3	3.44	6	16.31	-2.07	6.85	1.53	
Rogersville_1NE	79	41	60	-3	0.63	3	15.28	-1.59	4.15	-0.81	
Townsend_5S	77	39	56	-4	3.18	6	21.42	0.88	7.92	2.23	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	81	42	61	2	0.45	5	12.44	-2.81	4.20	-0.11	

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

