



Tennessee Crop Weather

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SOME FIELDS RECOVERING FROM WET WEATHER CORN PLANTING BEGINNING

Coming off extreme wet weather, Tennessee farmers have had some dry days and are taking full advantage by applying burndown herbicides and anhydrous ammonia in drier fields in preparation for this year's crop season. Fertilizer is being applied to hay fields and some corn is being planted. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 33 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	1	N/A	1	1	Pasture	2	18	43	33	4
Winter Wheat - Jointing	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	Winter Wheat	1	13	32	45	9
Apples – Full Bloom	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cattle	1	7	32	53	7

County Agent Comments

Many corn producers were able to apply anhydrous on several acres this past week.

Griff Strode, Obion County

Flooding on west end of the county along the Mississippi River.

Mitch Pigue, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County are busy applying burndown in the drier fields. Some corn planting may take place this week. Cold temperatures and soil temperatures may delay this for about a week.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Warmer temperatures and dry conditions have allowed a good bit of field work this week. Producers have been applying burn-down herbicides and knifing in anhydrous ammonia for future corn planting. A small amount of corn was planted this week. Producers have finished nitrogen applications to wheat and are nearing completion of weed control measures in wheat as well.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Topsoil is somewhat dry, even though much rain has fallen; however, subsoil moisture is very good and water table should be good.

Rebecca Norman, Montgomery County

Mostly dry week had field activities in full swing. Beef producers were busy spreading fertilizer on pastures while row crop producers were burning down fields and getting ready for corn planting.

Calvin C. Bryant, Lawrence County

We put down a lot of fertilizer on pastures and hay land as well as weed control. We are also getting planters ready for next week. Even saw some dust in fields this week.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels have exceeded plant needs due to consistent rainfall amounts since the beginning of the year.

David Cook, Davidson County

No reports of corn planting yet. A couple of mornings with frost over the last 7 days. The county received about 3/4 inch of rain over the weekend.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

A drying week which improved field conditions. Some corn planted. Lots of folks taking advantage of opportunity to do spring fertilization of pastures and hay fields. Lots of talk about pasture repair due to rainy winter conditions.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

A timely rain aided corn planting and some pasture seeding as well. Wheat growing in low fields will most likely not recover due to excessive moisture earlier in the season. Pasture grasses and the livestock utilizing them are in good shape and growing well. An untimely freeze may have negatively impacted fruit tree blooms and thus yields. Will know more in time. You all have a great week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

Grass and weeds are taking off!

John Goddard, Loudon County

Cool March has held pasture growth back.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

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Weather and rainfall data have been discontinued starting this season.