



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 19, 2019

## DRIER CONDITIONS AID PLANTING

Spotty showers did little to hinder corn, cotton, and soybean planting. Corn farmers continued to apply post-emerge herbicides and side-dress nitrogen. Hay producers were able to make substantial progress on their first cutting in areas where fields were dry enough to let them harvest. Strawberry growers reported good yields. There were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 2 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 26 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	85	79	93	94	Winter Wheat	3	7	29	48	13
Corn – Emerged	72	57	76	78	Pasture	1	4	32	53	10
Cotton – Planted	50	35	71	60						
Cotton – Squaring	1	N/A	0	0						
Soybeans – Planted	31	20	47	37						
Soybeans – Emerged	14	4	22	15						
Winter Wheat – Headed	97	93	95	96						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	32	4	N/A	N/A						

### County Agent Comments

*The farmers in Fayette County got a few acres planted. Rain came in about the middle of the week. Crops look good.* **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Forage harvest has been a primary operation this week. Side-dressing corn with nitrogen and applying post-emerge corn herbicides has occurred when fields were dry enough to support machinery. Corn and soybean planting took place on limited acreage due to wet soil conditions. Most of the county received an inch of rain on Wednesday. Crops are growing better with the recent warmer temperatures.* **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Except for a mid-week rain, farmers were able to just about wrap up corn planting and make progress sowing beans. A hotter and drier end to the week kicked haymaking into full swing. Strawberry and cool season vegetable harvest are peaking with overall good yield reports.* **Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County**

*We have made some hay but the rain is keeping us out of the field. Crops are looking good as well as the cattle.* **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Great week for field work. Very light midweek shower barely slowed field activities. Hay crop looks good for winter annuals, seems a little short on tall fescue hay this spring. Lots of first cutting hay on the ground. Corn planting is all but complete and soybeans are starting to hit the fields this week.* **Jason Evitts, Trousdale County**

*Winter wheat is turning from green to brown.* **Kristen Rich, Clay County**

*Spotty showers, but crop work progressed. Producers report less corn planted this year. Some hay harvested this week, but weather concerns keep some producers in holding pattern. Pastures looking pretty good.* **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*A week of mostly dry weather in May is a productive one. Corn planting is finished and beans are well on their way to being likewise. Lots of first cutting hay has been baled and yields are looking good as was expected. A slight rain rounded things out and will likely prove beneficial to recently planted summer crops. Things are as they should be in Marion County. You all have a great week.* **Matthew Deist, Marion County**

*.10 inch of rain this morning. Lots of hay harvested this week. Most beans and corn are now planted.* **John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Spotty showers almost every afternoon and over 3/4 inch of rain in a short period on Friday morning in isolated spots slowed down row crop planting. Strawberry yields are reported as good. Several acres of hay has been baled in between showers. Yields are average to good. Quality is average as many acres have quickly matured with so much moisture.*

**Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County**