



Tennessee Crop Weather

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RAIN DELAYS CROP HARVEST, PLANTING; IMPROVES CROP CONDITIONS

The rain shortened week delayed the end of winter wheat harvest and thus double-crop soybean planting. Tobacco and hemp producers made some headway on setting their crops between rains. Limited field activities included applications of weed controls and nitrogen, and 2nd cuttings of hay. The persistent rains are positively affecting crops and pastures and heading off heat stress. Vegetables in the eastern part of the state have little to no insect pressure. There were 4.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 8 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 15 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking	52	29	56	43	Corn	1	4	20	52	23
Corn - Dough	5	N/A	3	1	Cotton	5	9	26	45	15
Cotton – Squaring	45	36	69	51	Soybeans	2	4	22	55	17
Cotton – Setting Bolls	1	0	7	5	Tobacco	1	9	45	34	11
Soybeans – Planted	94	90	96	92	Pasture	1	6	26	57	10
Soybeans – Emerged	85	79	88	82	Cattle	1	4	22	61	12
Soybeans - Blooming	17	5	22	13						
Tobacco – Set	92	85	97	90						
Tobacco - Topped	4	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Mature	99	97	99	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	91	80	93	85						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County had a few days they could spray and harvest wheat. Crops look good and wheat yields have been good.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Scattered showers and thunderstorms have delayed completion of wheat harvest and double-crop soybean planting, but the timing is perfect on silking and tasseling corn. Rainfall and warm temperatures are keeping pastures in good shape as well. Weed control in soybeans and nitrogen applications to corn are ongoing.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Angular Leaf Spot in Dark-Fired Tobacco confirmed on several farms.

Jeff Smith, Robertson County

Very little field work this week until about Friday or Saturday, due to pop up thunderstorms with heavy rains.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

An overabundance of rain and storms recently have halted setting of tobacco, hemp and all field work. Tornado 6/21/19 along northern border of county caused destruction of several barns and miles of fences. Several head of livestock were lost in the event.

Keith Allen, Macon County

Finished bean planting and wheat harvest and some 2nd cutting of hay last week.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Clay County received rainfall last week, which improved overall crop conditions. Producers are nearly finished setting tobacco.

Kristen Rich, Clay County

Adequate rainfall amounts have provided enough topsoil and subsoil moisture to prevent serious heat stress for pasture and range grasses.

David Cook, Davidson County

Wheat harvest about done and most wheat beans planted. Some producers getting second cutting of hay now. Field crops look very good with all of the recent rainfall.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

.85 inch of rain this week. Temperatures around 90 all week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Tomatoes and other vegetable crops show little to no disease issues.

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

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Weather and rainfall data have been discontinued starting this season.