



Tennessee Crop Weather

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POP-UP SHOWERS DO LITTLE TO HINDER FIELDWORK

Hay baling was the dominant activity across the state last week with pop-up showers doing little to slow the second or third cuttings of hay. Other activities included spraying of fungicides on soybeans and the topping of tobacco. Pastures continued to look good due to the rainfall received over the past few months, but the elevated heat and humidity seen by most of the state placed a great deal of stress on livestock. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 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	98	97	100	99	Corn	0	1	11	60	28
Corn – Dough	89	79	93	89	Cotton	0	3	17	63	17
Corn – Dented	45	22	51	44	Soybeans	1	1	17	65	16
Cotton – Setting Bolls	80	65	92	85	Tobacco	6	18	34	31	11
Cotton – Bolls Opening	3	0	7	4	Pasture	1	6	29	54	10
Soybeans – Blooming	85	78	92	89						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	66	54	77	71						
Tobacco – Topped	82	65	76	70						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County had a few days they could get in the field. Small pop-up showers occurred almost every day somewhere. Crops look good.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

A warm and humid week with fog most mornings. Soil moisture beginning to dry out prompting producers to start irrigation rigs. Some scattered showers dropped varying amounts of rain across the county this week. Crops still look above average for this time of the year.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Scattered early week showers slowed much of the field work. Tobacco harvest resumed by mid-week and is pretty much on schedule.
Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Most locations got an inch plus of much needed rain this week. Hay baling, spraying of fungicides on beans, and clipping of pastures were the main field work this week.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Dry weather last week has allowed producers to start second cutting hay. Several producers topping tobacco this week. Pastures still look good from all June and July moisture but after last two weeks of dry weather could use a rain.
Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

With close to fifteen inches over the normal amount of precipitation for the year, pasture and range conditions remain in excellent condition.
David Cook, Davidson County

Many acres of hay harvested over the past week. Pastures look very good for this time of year.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

Row crops are looking good. Some insect pressure reported in beans. Spotty showers continue. Hot and humid and cattle are spending lots of time in shade.
A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Lack of adequate moisture in the past week is causing stress on pastures and row crops. Time will tell if yields have been impacted. You all have a great week.
Matthew Deist, Marion County

No rain this week. Corn beginning to fire. Beans look good. Lots of hay harvested this week.
John Goddard, Loudon County

Warmer temperatures with no rain have slowed forage growth.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Another dry week across the county with the exception of the mountains. Cooler temperatures prevailed. Crops and pastures are in need of a good rain.

John Wilson, Blount County

A few areas have received some small pop-up showers, but many areas are quickly getting dry. Some second and third cutting hay is being baled and silage harvest has started.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County