



Tennessee Crop Weather

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HARVEST PROGRESS CONTINUES WITH MILD WEATHER

With six days suitable for fieldwork, corn and tobacco growers made progress with harvest activities. Almost half of the corn crop has been harvested with variable yields reported. Mostly dry weather this past week also aided tobacco farmers and allowed cutting to continue unabated. Over half of the State's soybean acreage is dropping leaves with development in line with normal. Cotton defoliation is underway with over three-fourths of the acreage with open bolls. Other field activities this past week included corn silage harvest and cutting of hay.

As of Friday, topsoil moisture levels were rated 22 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 38 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 30 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 34 percent adequate. Temperatures across the state last week were a little above normal in the East, near normal across the Plateau, and about 1 to 3 degrees below normal in all other areas. Rainfall amounts were below normal across the entire state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2007	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Mature	88	76	100	97	Cotton	0	8	34	50	8
Corn – Harvested for Grain	47	23	92	66	Pastures	13	24	36	26	1
Corn – Silage Harvested	95	89	94	93	Soybeans	9	16	33	36	6
Cotton – Bolls Opening	76	45	98	76	Tobacco	1	4	36	49	10
Cotton – Defoliated	23	7	62	36						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	52	36	78	57						
Tobacco – Burley Harvested	67	53	83	81						
Tobacco – Dark Air-Cured Harvested	93	80	96	92						
Tobacco – Dark Fire-Cured Harvested	81	72	81	82						

County Agent Comments

“Corn harvest progressing as rapidly as dry-down will allow. Producers experiencing some problems with corn moisture levels due to weather conditions that have not been good drying conditions. Cotton defoliation has begun but not aware of any harvested yet in Dyer County. Early maturity soybeans are beginning to be harvested with no reports yields as of yet. Corn yields are ranging from 80 to 200 bushels depending on whether location got rainfall when needed.”

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

“Excellent harvest weather has aided producers in corn harvest, but the remnants of Hurricane Ike put several acres of corn on the ground due to high wind damage. Combines have to run much slower in order to harvest ‘down’ corn. Harvest of early maturing soybeans has begun and some acreage of hay was baled this week as well.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Great weather for the tobacco harvest this week.”

Joseph Griffy, Stewart County

“Harvest is coming along great because we are having no rain. We are dry.”

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

“A month without rain has hurt everything. Waiting on rain to continue fall seeding. Harvest progressing at good speed with results varying across county.”

J. Dale Beaty, Warren County

“Another week without rain has pastures, late hay, soybeans after wheat all suffering. Available water for livestock is a growing concern for producers. Fall seeding is at near standstill because of the lack of moisture. Producers are beginning to harvest corn for grain with yields reported to be running from 90 to 150 bushels per acre.”

Bob Sliger, Monroe County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: September 21, 2008 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending September 21, 2008				Current Week 9/21/08	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1	
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN							
Ames_Plantation	86	53	68	-3	1.21	3	44.86	6.58	29.18	4.85	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	90	51	68	2	0.28	1	26.85	-4.11	15.93	-4.55	
Brownsville_TN	85	53	68	-4	0.78	3	39.72	1.50	23.47	-0.79	
Chattanooga/Lov	87	58	72	1	0.46	2	31.74	-7.67	17.60	-5.91	
Clarksville_Sew	85	54	69	0	0.00	0	34.59	-2.31	21.46	-1.62	
Cookeville	82	51	67	-2	0.30	1	32.87	-9.16	19.95	-6.88	
Covington	84	52	66	-5	0.81	3	39.99	2.59	24.33	0.79	
Crossville_AP	79	53	67	1	0.25	1	34.17	-6.91	21.00	-4.88	
Dayton	84	56	69	-1	0.14	1	31.51	-9.80	19.21	-5.90	
Dickson_AG	85	55	68	-2	0.00	0	37.06	-2.43	22.14	-3.17	
Dover_1W	85	54	69	1	0.10	1	38.65	0.30	21.29	-2.99	
Dyersburg	86	52	68	-4	0.53	3	31.68	-4.80	18.14	-5.36	
Erwin_1W	90	52	68	3	0.20	2	28.07	-9.39	18.28	-7.53	
Huntingdon_Wate	85	53	67	-3	0.07	2	37.77	-0.89	21.17	-3.57	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	86	53	68	-3	0.25	2	46.44	8.47	27.72	3.18	
Kingston_AG	84	58	70	4	0.27	1	34.17	-8.90	21.31	-5.51	
Knoxville_AP	88	56	71	2	0.36	2	33.32	-1.89	21.10	-0.65	
Lewisburg	85	49	67	-3	0.09	1	34.16	-5.78	22.36	-2.84	
Lexington_TN	84	55	68	-4	0.40	3	47.64	10.67	30.28	6.66	
Linden	87	51	67	-2	0.12	1	44.88	4.41	27.79	2.48	
Martin	85	52	68	-3	0.66	3	38.77	0.30	20.93	-4.13	
Mc_Minnville_Tn	85	58	70	2	0.09	1	26.23	-13.03	16.14	-8.53	
Memphis_AG	86	53	68	-6	0.43	2	48.26	10.89	30.96	7.26	
Milan	88	50	68	-3	0.08	1	42.08	2.40	24.93	-0.96	
Murfreesboro_5N	87	50	68	-2	0.12	1	30.59	-8.68	18.44	-6.89	
Nashville_Metro	87	56	70	-2	0.01	1	34.89	-0.22	22.07	-0.65	
Newcomb	85	51	67	2	0.22	1	28.90	-11.64	18.37	-8.15	
Oneida	85	53	67	3	0.21	1	24.99	-15.55	19.26	-7.26	
Portland_TN	83	56	68	-1	0.03	1	39.20	1.30	24.89	0.45	
Pulaski_Water_P	84	53	68	-4	0.14	2	39.51	-0.64	25.44	0.86	
Savannah_6SW	86	53	68	-5	0.58	4	46.91	5.66	29.86	4.25	
Sparta_TN	84	51	69	2	0.12	1	35.07	-5.46	23.05	-2.76	
Springfield	84	53	67	-2	0.06	1	38.16	1.75	24.70	1.32	
Springhill	84	53	67	-2	0.07	1	34.00	-5.99	22.37	-2.83	
Union_City	87	51	66	-4	0.08	2	34.86	-2.60	18.66	-5.45	
Waynesboro_TN	84	51	67	-2	0.32	3	38.47	-3.51	24.27	-1.75	

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) in inches.

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