



Tennessee Crop Weather

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COTTON AND SOYBEAN HARVEST WINDING DOWN

Tennessee's cotton and soybean growers were winding down fall harvest last week. Over three-fourths of the soybean acreage has been harvested, on-schedule with last year, but over a week ahead of normal. Only 10 percent of the cotton acreage was left to be harvested at week's end. This rapid pace is two and a half weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Three-fifths of the 2008 winter wheat crop has been seeded, on-pace with the 5-year average. Lack of moisture last week continued to delay pasture growth, tobacco market preparations, and winter wheat germination. Other activities last week included watering nursery stock, cutting hay in some areas, and feeding hay and hauling water to livestock. Cattle were rated in mostly fair-to-good condition, while hay stocks were rated 33 percent very short, 43 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. With no rainfall reported last week, farmers had 6 days considered suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 18 percent very short, 24 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 35 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 31 percent adequate. Temperatures last week averaged near normal across the State.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2006	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton – Harvested	90	83	73	67	Cattle	3	10	38	42	7
Soybeans – Harvested	77	68	79	66						
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	45	35	46	52						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	60	42	68	60						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	35	23	41	35						

County Agent Comments

“Producers were working hard this week to finish up soybean and cotton harvest and plant more wheat. Current good weather conditions should allow all three activities to be basically complete by the end of this week or early to midweek next week. Wheat that is up is looking good so far.”

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

“Producers made good use of drying weather conditions and increased acres of wheat seeded. Combines started to roll mid-week in soybean fields and continue to press toward completion of this year's harvest.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Some late planted soybeans are still too green to harvest and the farmers with them would like to see a frost to dry them up. Last weeks rain helped a lot, it started some creeks back to running and put some water back into ponds and greened up pastures, but we still have ponds and streams that are low. By all accounts we're in better shape than some, but we still need rain.”

Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County

“Continued dry with slightly above normal temperatures, harvest has resumed after dismal weather the previous week that kept farmers out of the fields and very little rain. Wheat planting activities have increased, farmers still waiting on good moisture. Soybean and cotton harvest continues with yields about half of expectations. Hay stocks still tight, with a lot of producers wondering if they have enough feed stocks and/or water to outlast the drought.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“No rains during the week and drought problems continue to mount. Limited hay supplies are being used to supplement depleted pastures. Available water for livestock continues to be a major concern for cattle producers as wells, springs and streams are failing. Producers are continuing to reduce and/or liquidate cattle numbers. Row crop producers are making good progress with crop harvest. Late planted beans are essentially a total loss. Lack of moisture has practically stopped fall seeding.”

Bob Sliger, Monroe County

“Cows are for sale. Various breeds and crosses. Cow calf pairs, bred cows, open cows, bred heifers, and open heifers. This is the news for Claiborne County until we get enough rainfall to re-establish our ground water and soil moisture. We have already sold a lot of cattle because of forage shortage in pastures, now; more will be sold because of short hay reserves.”

Mike Heiskell, Claiborne County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: November 5, 2007 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending November 5, 2007				Current Week 11/05/07	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	76	35	54	-2	0.00	0	31.81	-11.02	24.17	-4.89	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	71	27	48	-4	0.00	0	18.64	-16.11	13.12	-11.26	
Brownsville_TN	75	36	53	-3	0.00	0	30.42	-12.23	22.63	-6.22	
Chattanooga/Lov	75	36	57	2	0.00	0	29.36	-14.83	22.11	-6.35	
Clarksville_Sew	73	32	53	0	0.00	0	40.45	-1.00	31.33	3.53	
Cookeville	74	30	50	-3	0.00	0	26.58	-20.38	16.68	-15.25	
Covington	74	35	53	-3	0.00	0	32.76	-9.14	23.98	-4.24	
Crossville_AP	69	31	50	-1	0.00	0	31.29	-14.61	24.27	-6.61	
Dayton	71	32	52	-2	0.00	0	31.85	-14.42	25.22	-5.03	
Dickson_AG	74	31	51	-3	0.00	0	32.07	-12.07	22.48	-7.65	
Dover_1W	71	32	50	-3	0.00	0	35.49	-7.78	25.11	-4.26	
Dyersburg	75	36	53	-3	0.00	0	32.30	-8.54	23.22	-4.80	
Erwin_1W	74	30	50	-1	0.00	0	28.01	-13.58	22.39	-7.69	
Huntingdon_Wate	74	32	51	-3	0.00	0	29.37	-14.51	20.96	-9.16	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	76	34	53	-2	0.02	2	33.01	-9.77	24.33	-5.17	
Kingston_AG	71	33	52	2	0.00	0	30.85	-17.39	22.65	-9.51	
Knoxville_AP	72	34	54	1	0.00	0	27.05	-12.23	20.01	-5.95	
Lewisburg	77	28	51	-3	0.00	0	30.34	-15.04	22.71	-8.09	
Lexington_TN	74	33	52	-4	0.00	0	34.87	-6.91	25.28	-3.31	
Linden	74	30	51	-2	0.00	0	34.99	-10.19	25.83	-4.36	
Martin	73	34	52	-2	0.00	0	37.70	-5.79	26.73	-3.52	
Mc_Minnville_Tn	74	33	53	-2	0.00	0	27.19	-17.03	20.17	-9.63	
Memphis_AG	76	36	55	-3	0.00	0	29.08	-12.72	21.11	-7.20	
Milan	75	29	51	-3	0.00	0	35.40	-9.07	27.16	-3.69	
Murfreesboro_5N	74	29	52	-3	0.00	0	31.94	-12.24	21.06	-9.34	
Nashville_Metro	74	35	54	-2	0.00	0	25.10	-13.91	17.53	-9.24	
Newcomb	71	27	47	-4	0.00	0	29.20	-16.79	21.19	-10.93	
Oneida	71	30	49	-2	0.00	0	27.96	-18.03	20.46	-11.66	
Portland_TN	71	34	51	-2	0.00	0	29.99	-12.40	20.63	-8.46	
Pulaski_Water_P	74	32	52	-5	0.00	0	26.74	-18.59	17.70	-12.24	
Savannah_6SW	75	33	54	-3	0.00	0	32.20	-13.95	23.54	-7.15	
Sparta_TN	74	33	53	0	0.00	0	27.87	-17.74	19.48	-11.56	
Springfield	73	30	50	-3	0.00	0	30.67	-10.06	21.78	-6.08	
Springhill	77	32	51	-2	0.00	0	31.70	-13.46	22.20	-8.35	
Union_City	73	32	51	-3	0.00	0	36.18	-6.47	25.97	-3.50	
Waynesboro_TN	72	34	52	0	0.00	0	34.53	-12.67	26.34	-5.09	

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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