



WET WEATHER CONTINUES TO SLOW HARVEST

Wet weather continues to dominate the harvest season with little field activity occurring until late last week. For the third consecutive week farmers have had only 2 days suitable for fieldwork. Although a storm system caused scattered showers Monday through Thursday, high pressure brought cooler and drier weather to the state Friday, giving farmers some hope for a break in the weather. Wet soils have not allowed much progress with cotton and soybean harvest or planting winter wheat. Cotton harvest advanced only 5 points from the previous week, over a week behind last year and almost 3 weeks behind the 5-year average. Soybean harvest was near a standstill, progressing only 3 points from the week earlier. Almost one-third of the State's winter wheat had been sown by week's end, almost 3 weeks behind schedule. Since fieldwork has been limited, farmers have kept busy stripping tobacco, working on equipment, and spraying for fall weed control. Both temperatures and rainfall averaged above normal last week. As of Friday, topsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS: Through November 7, 2004					CONDITION: On November 5, 2004					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2003	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
	Percent					Percent				
Cotton - Harvested	56	51	68	83	Pastures	0	3	24	61	12
Soybeans Harvested	52	49	67	72						
Burley Tobacco Stripped	61	51	61	52						
Winter Wheat Seeded	32	28	82	68						
Winter Wheat Emerged	25	20	54	37						

COTTON: Little progress was made last week with harvesting the State's cotton crop. Although harvest is currently about 3 weeks behind the normal pace, some excellent yields have been reported on early harvested fields. As for the unharvested cotton, farmers are worried about yields and quality diminishing with the recent wet weather.

SOYBEANS: Rainfall continued to put harvest efforts on hold. With early beans harvested, farmer are waiting for drier conditions to start gathering double cropped beans. Harvest is running about 10 days behind last year and almost two weeks behind the 5-year average.

TOBACCO: Wet weather has helped bring the tobacco crop into case and more progress was made in market preparation. Almost two-thirds of Tennessee's tobacco crop has been stripped, on-track with last year and about a week ahead of the normal pace.

WINTER WHEAT: Wet conditions have not allowed much progress in seeding winter wheat. The last four weeks of rain has delayed seeding by almost a month behind 2003.

PASTURES & HAY: Last week's showers and mild temperatures helped improve pastures, as conditions were rated good-to-excellent on almost three-fourths of the acreage.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: November 7th, 2004 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				GDD BASE 60F	
	Week Ending Nov 7 th , 2004				Current Week 11/7/04	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal	Since April 1	
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN					Total	DFN
Ames_Plantation	78	38	60	+7	1.96	5	51.59	+8.15	2597	+132
Tri-City_RGNL_A	80	31	59	+10	0.85	3	44.50	+9.39	1895	+218
Brownsville_TN	79	42	61	+8	4.17	5	49.88	+6.69	2757	+590
Chattanooga/Lov	80	36	63	+10	2.09	3	47.60	+2.86	2709	+328
Clarksville_Sew	79	37	58	+7	1.52	3	33.70	-8.30	2455	+250
Cookeville	85	32	60	+10	0.67	2	51.97	+4.44	2046	+698
Covington	77	41	59	+6	3.95	5	46.08	+3.60	2431	-82
Crossville_AP	76	34	60	+11	1.16	1	52.11	+5.62	1813	+282
Dickson_AG	77	33	58	+6	0.51	4	53.65	+8.92	2046	-236
Dover_1W	78	38	58	+7	1.79	4	38.16	-5.72	2263	+300
Dyersburg	79	41	60	+6	4.69	5	41.32	-0.09	2644	-29
Erwin_1W	82	31	59	+11	0.89	3	47.76	+5.74	1826	-159
Huntingdon_Wate	77	38	58	+7	2.94	5	52.54	+8.08	2395	+323
Jackson_Exp_Stn	80	38	59	+7	2.97	5	46.83	+3.49	2587	+179
Kingston_AG	79	37	61	+11	3.58	3	50.53	+1.69	2130	+341
Knoxville_AP	81	37	62	+11	1.22	4	44.04	+4.31	2421	+385
Lewisburg	81	34	61	+10	0.51	2	54.57	+8.60	2303	+261
Lexington_TN	79	39	59	+6	1.91	4	51.92	+9.59	2418	+981
Linden	80	37	60	+9	1.09	4	52.81	+7.02	2236	+169
Martin	77	38	58	+6	4.57	4	43.58	-0.50	2472	+181
Mc_Minville_Tn	82	32	62	+9	0.75	4	48.43	+3.65	2354	-213
Memphis_AG	78	41	60	+5	3.55	3	46.78	+4.39	2770	-237
Milan	78	37	59	+8	2.64	5	45.75	+0.72	2396	+162
Murfreesboro_5N	81	37	64	+12	0.78	2	45.57	+0.84	2355	-216
Nashville_Metro	82	37	62	+9	0.52	3	48.54	+9.04	2603	+170
Newcomb	79	30	59	+10	1.18	2	48.93	+2.37	1783	+350
Oneida	79	33	58	+11	1.70	2	47.14	+0.58	1847	-333
Pikeville	78	31	61	+9	2.19	2	48.35	+3.86	2251	+278
Portland_TN	80	36	59	+9	0.79	5	49.49	+6.54	2181	+184
Pulaski_Water_P	82	36	62	+8	0.48	2	59.75	+13.84	2291	-114
Savannah_6SW	78	41	62	+8	1.50	5	60.15	+13.34	2473	+338
Sparta_TN	79	31	61	+11	0.80	4	53.35	+7.16	2389	+662
Springfield	82	36	59	+9	0.28	3	46.44	+5.17	2213	+223
Springhill	83	33	62	+11	1.11	3	52.57	+6.85	2423	+397
Union_City	77	38	57	+6	5.19	5	45.12	+1.87	2214	+8
Waynesboro_TN	80	38	61	+10	1.29	4	60.31	+12.43	2222	-72

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). GDD = Growing Degree Days.
Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
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