There is concern that frost the latter part of the week and into the weekend may have caused damage to the blueberry and apple crops. – ASHE

Temperatures and rainfall were much below normal with hard freezes and frost reported in the area. Temperatures ranged between 20-70 degrees Fahrenheit. Rainfall was 0”. Strawberry growers were taking extra measures to save their crop which is now at fruit stage. Pastures look good but with slower growth. Fields are being prepared for May corn planting. – JACKSON, SWAIN

Cold night temperatures halted many tobacco farmers from planting until this week. Area strawberry farms opened for the season. – FRANKLIN, HALIFAX, NASH

Two nights with frost and temperatures reported below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Tobacco was being transplanted but halted due to cold temperatures. Plan to resume this week. Corn planting is moving forward. - PERSON

Conditions are drying. The small amount of rain that the county received Saturday will settle the dust but not provide much for crops. The area could use an inch or more to help corn germinate and give it a good start. Yards in the south and central parts of the county are showing stress. - WAKE

Two nights of frost may have had some impact on the few tobacco transplants that were already set last week. No damage reported to small fruits or other crops. - MOORE

Drought conditions are setting in as little to no rain being predicted in the immediate forecast. Some crop plantings have been halted due to the dry soil conditions. – PAMLICO

Late frost and cooler temperatures have slowed planting. Area rainfall has been spotty for the past couple of weeks and we are seeing light soils starting to dry out. – JOHNSTON

Corn planting continues and tobacco transplanting is getting under way. A few farmers are beginning to plant soybean. The impacts of colder weather still uncertain. Evaluations will continue this week. Wheat and recently transplanted tobacco crops are most likely to be impacted. – CRAVEN

Some late frost events over the week are making growing conditions a bit challenging for some crops. The area received much needed moisture over the weekend. Corn planting is winding down and some soybean planting is starting. Reports of frost damage to corn in some areas but scattered and only cosmetic issues with recovery expected. Bermuda hay fields are at a slow start due to frost events. Strawberry harvest is going well. – ROBESON

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