



Tennessee Crop Weather

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CORN PLANTING IN PROGRESS

Persistent rain in most corn planting areas of the State minimized or prevented producer's ability to get as much of the crop planted as planned, as confirmed by an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work last week. The warmer weather in some areas was welcome as it helped greening of pastures. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 6 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Winter wheat was jointing, well behind the five-year average due to late row crop harvest last season.

County Agent Comments

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Corn - Planted	2	N/A	1	12	Pasture	1	9	39	43	8
Winter Wheat – Jointed	15	N/A	33	46	Wheat	0	5	21	54	20
Apples – Full Bloom	8	N/A	10	26	Cattle	0	4	27	60	9

Producers still plagued with wet, rainy weather which has hindered corn planting. Wheat is progressing well after tough winter. Second fertilizer applications are basically complete, and some wheat weed control applications going out between showers and where drier fields will allow. A very few spotty acres of corn have been planted. Growers perceive that they are late with their corn planting compared to past years but we still have ample time. Everyone is just hoping for more dry, sunny weather to allow for field operations.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County are ready to plant corn but, due to wet conditions and a front that moved in late Thursday night, will wait and maybe get going full stem by next week. Wheat has really taken off and looks great.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Wheat crop is looking great. Most producers have top dressed. Some heavy rain has slowed planting. Pasture "green-up" is occurring and the cattle look very good.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

Wet weather this week has caused corn planting to stop. Rainfall events occurred at the beginning and ending of the reporting period, allowing for few work days. Some producers were able to make herbicide applications to wheat, with burn-down applications beginning to be made to fields that will be planted to corn. Some anhydrous ammonia was applied to corn land as well.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Warm weather this week got more producers in the field fertilizing and spraying. Strong storms dropped about inch of rain across the county late in the week.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Cattle are anxiously awaiting green grass. Grass is beginning to green up but hay is still being fed. Corn planting has been delayed due to wet ground and cold weather. Wheat is also behind. It is tillering but not yet jointing. Less wheat was planted this year due to late soybean harvest last year.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Pastures are slowly improving with warming temperatures. However, livestock producers are still feeding a significant amount of hay.

John Wilson, Blount County

Good rain this morning. Fairly dry for early April. Quite a bit of fruit bud injury from the cold temperatures over the winter and some loss in the freeze last week.

Neal Denton, Knox County

Need rain. Pasture and hay is behind due to late freezes and lack of moisture. **Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: April 6, 2014 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending April 6, 2014				Current Week 04/06/2014	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	83	38	60	3	0.62	1	15.70	0.80	0.62	-0.51
Brownsville_TN	81	31	59	3	0.66	1	14.65	-0.17	0.66	-0.36
Covington	79	31	57	2	0.51	1	12.59	-2.17	0.51	-0.57
Dyersburg	79	39	59	3	0.67	2	9.30	-4.46	0.67	-0.27
Huntingdon_Wate	79	32	58	3	1.16	2	14.44	-0.28	1.16	0.20
Jackson_Exp_Stn	83	32	59	4	0.99	2	15.28	1.04	0.99	0.03
Lexington_TN	82	32	58	3	1.05	1	14.00	-0.14	1.05	0.10
Martin	78	37	59	5	2.08	2	11.22	-3.04	2.08	1.06
Memphis_AG	82	33	60	1	0.84	1	15.36	0.79	0.84	-0.24
Milan	80	32	58	4	1.22	2	14.77	0.17	1.22	0.24
Paris	79	33	56	3	0.93	2	14.15	-0.38	0.93	-0.09
Savannah_6SW	81	33	59	1	0.72	3	12.94	-3.60	0.72	-0.36
Selmer	82	33	59	4	0.72	1	13.89	-2.43	0.72	-0.36
Union_City	78	30	57	4	1.54	2	13.48	-0.67	1.54	0.57
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	83	34	59	6	1.62	3	14.80	0.17	1.62	0.64
Cookeville	80	29	56	3	1.38	3	13.90	-2.11	1.38	0.40
Crossville_AP	79	30	58	6	1.55	3	10.38	-5.67	1.55	0.52
Dickson_AG	80	31	59	4	0.78	2	12.69	-2.34	0.78	-0.24
Dover_1W	79	32	57	3	1.69	2	16.36	1.44	1.69	0.67
Fayetteville_TN	81	30	63	9	0.23	2	10.91	-5.39	0.21	-0.81
Jamestown	79	27	54	3	1.56	3	13.40	-1.36	1.56	0.64
Kingston_Spring	83	30	57	5	0.77	3	11.48	-3.44	0.77	-0.18
Lewisburg	83	29	57	4	0.5	1	9.98	-5.58	0.50	-0.48
Livingston_WLIV	80	30	56	2	1.61	3	11.93	-2.49	1.61	0.71
Lobelville	80	30	56	3	0.52	1	13.76	-2.22	0.52	-0.47
Murfreesboro_5N	80	28	56	2	1.06	4	12.95	-1.76	1.05	0.12
Nashville_Metro	82	34	61	6	1.36	2	13.42	0.28	1.36	0.46
Oneida	80	28	54	4	1.26	3	13.14	-1.65	1.26	0.34
Portland_TN	80	35	57	4	2.99	3	15.57	1.35	2.99	2.07
Pulaski_Water_P	80	27	55	-3	0.55	2	10.01	-6.38	0.55	-0.45
Shelbyville	80	33	61	6	1.29	2	12.79	-3.08	1.29	0.30
Sparta_TN	82	28	57	3	2.01	3	15.55	0.03	2.01	1.06
Springfield	82	33	57	5	0.99	2	14.54	0.77	0.99	0.09
Springhill	83	25	56	4	0.91	3	13.74	-1.91	0.91	-0.13
Tullahoma	79	31	60	5	0.82	3	10.98	-6.04	0.82	-0.23
Waynesboro_TN	80	28	56	3	0.48	2	13.27	-3.62	0.48	-0.64
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	84	34	61	6	0.16	1	10.14	-6.56	0.16	-0.81
Cleveland_6NNE	82	31	58	5	0.52	4	8.21	-8.31	0.51	-0.45
Dayton	80	32	57	2	0.8	3	10.20	-6.83	0.80	-0.21
Erwin_1W	82	28	54	4	0.35	2	7.35	-4.98	0.35	-0.47
Gatlinburg_2SW	86	29	55	4	0.23	1	11.81	-3.03	0.23	-0.67
Greeneville	81	26	53	2	1.05	3	9.27	-2.13	1.05	0.34
Kingston_AG	83	32	57	5	1.25	2	12.53	-4.52	1.25	0.28
Knoxville_AP	82	30	59	5	0.85	2	11.12	-3.01	0.85	0.04
Newcomb	82	29	56	6	0.96	3	14.30	-0.49	0.96	0.04
Norris_4NE	83	29	55	3	0.96	2	12.60	-2.20	0.96	0.05
Tri-City_RGNL_A	80	27	56	4	0.55	3	7.88	-3.15	0.55	-0.11

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) measured in inches.

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