



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 13, 2014

PERSISTENT WET WEATHER DELAYS CORN PLANTING

Pastures, cattle, and wheat continue to benefit from the rainy weather, but those same rains again hampered corn planting progress. The crop is only seven (7) percent planted as of Sunday, compared to the 5-Year average of 25 percent. With on-going delays due to rain, there is growing concern that the window to plant the crop is closing. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. There were 4.0 days suitable for field work last week.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Corn - Planted	7	2	10	25	Pasture	1	7	35	50	7
Winter Wheat – Jointed	35	15	60	66	Wheat	0	3	21	56	20
Apples – Full Bloom	36	8	22	48						

County Agent Comments

Corn planting is at a standstill due to rainy weather with only a few acres planted in Lauderdale County. Farmers have been making burn-down applications. Wheat is looking good in the county.

J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County will probably start corn planting this weekend on dryer fields. More rain is expected Monday along with cooler temperatures. Wheat and pastures look good. Bermuda hayfields are breaking dormancy.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

The wheat crop is really progressing well and looking good as producers finished making fertilizer applications. Wet weather continued to slow down planting. There is a little concern that the corn planting window is closing a bit.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

Light rains off and on all week. Producers are looking to get in the fields this weekend and start corn planting again. Pastures are greening up and cattle are looking good and the market is high.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

Things are beginning to grow. Pastures and wheat are looking good. We planted some more corn this week but we were wet early in the week. Pasture spraying and fertilizing is about done.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Rain and wet ground continues to prevent very much field work. There is concern regarding the delay in planting corn. Pastures are greening and cattle are enjoying the improved grazing choices.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Rain the first half of the week produced plus or minus two inches of rain with the bulk falling Sunday night. Wet fields have limited field work this week. Pastures are progressing and producers reporting hay usage is beginning to diminish.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Plus or minus two inches of rain fell the first half of the week, with the bulk falling Sunday night. Wet fields limited field work. Wheat and pastures continue to progress. Livestock producers are beginning to reduce hay feeding.

Jared Goad, Marion County

Over two inches of rain fell across the county last week bringing much needed moisture. Spring liming, fertilizing and spraying of forages is nearing completion.

John Wilson, Blount County

Hay still being fed - supplies are low but should be adequate. Wheat is tillering with a few acres jointing - some weak stands will either be abandoned or cut for hay.

Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County

One (1) inch of rain early this week halted corn planting. Pasture and hay is still late in coming in. Lots of folks still feeding hay like it's the middle of winter. Windy conditions have dried soil since rainfall, so corn planting should resume today or tomorrow.

John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: April 13, 2014 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending April 13, 2014				Current Week 04/13/2014	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	0.50	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	0.80	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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