



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 5, 2015

WHEAT IN GOOD CONDITION; PRODUCERS ANXIOUS TO PLANT CORN

Wet weather has benefitted wheat, which is developing well ahead of last year's crop. Fifty-eight percent of the winter wheat crop showed no freeze damage and 33 had light damage. A limited number of corn acres have been planted because of wet fields. Strawberries showed some freeze damage. Cattle were in good condition. There were 3.6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Winter Wheat - Jointing	30	N/A	13	39	Wheat	0	2	21	55	22
Corn - Planted	2	N/A	2	10	Pasture	2	15	42	37	4
Apples - Full Bloom	22	N/A	7	22	Cattle	0	5	25	61	9

County Agent Comments

Wheat progressing well. A few acres of corn have been planted this week. Producers anxious to get started. Showers and cold soil temperatures have delayed their planting intentions. Weed control applications and 2nd nitrogen shot in wheat have kept most growers busy on days they could work.

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Not much happening on the agricultural front. Wheat is growing normally and it's just too wet to plant corn and the weather forecast is not looking favorable for the upcoming week either.

J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County are facing more rain and wet conditions this week. Corn planting has been delayed. Wheat looks good for the most part. Farmers have sprayed burn downs when they can. Just waiting for drier weather.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Producers have made the most of the recent break in the weather by completing top dress nitrogen applications to wheat and applying necessary herbicides to that crop as well. A few producers planted the first corn of the season before being stopped by showers and thunderstorms on Thursday. Several acres of pre-plant fertilizer including anhydrous ammonia have been applied to corn ground as well as burn-down herbicide applications.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Temperature fell to 28 degrees Sunday morning. 1.5 inches of rain fell on Friday night with some minor wind damage.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

A few clear days have allowed for fertilizer to be spread that has helped start the 2015 growing season.

Ricky Skillington, Marshall County

We need some dry weather to plant and get fertilizer and weed control on pastures and hay land.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Lots of folks applying fertilizer and spraying for weeds. Limited row crop work due to wet soils. Grass is greening and growing. Warmer temps and sunshine have had tremendous impact. Cattle are in good condition. Wheat looks mostly good at this point.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

The week started and ended with rain with 1.0 to 1.5 inches total precipitation for the week. Temperatures were seasonable with highs in the 70's and lows in the low 50's. Wet weather has been the dominant pattern for the past month, which has throttled field activities. Producers have caught a few days to burn down corn ground. Most of the wheat has been top dressed; however, there are a number of acres showing nitrogen deficiency. No corn has been planted to date.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Frequent rains and warming temperatures have pastures beginning to make much needed growth. Significant liming and fertilizing of pastures was accomplished with improving field conditions last week.

John Wilson, Blount County

Lots of fertilizer spread on pastures this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Strawberry crop had minor injury to blooms due to last freeze event. Greenhouse tomatoes are a little late due to lack of sunshine.

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

No apple blooms yet, but many peach trees have bloomed and have taken some minor hits due to a couple cold nights. Intermittent clear days in the 70s have been interspersed with cold snaps and rain every 4-5 days which has made field conditions challenging. Wheat and pasture progress has been similarly slowed by the back-and-forth conditions.

Patrick Sweatt, Bradley County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: April 5, 2015 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending April 5, 2015				Current Week 04/06/15	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	81	31	60	6	2.01	3	13.49	-2.24	0.45	-0.50	
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	80	29	59	4	3.66	4	15.00	-0.26	3.17	2.27	
Brownsville	80	32	60	4	0.84	4	12.85	-1.90	0.69	-0.11	
Covington_3SW	80	32	60	5	0.81	4	11.61	-3.18	0.66	-0.24	
Dresden	79	30	57	4	1.33	5	14.12	-0.38	1.22	0.38	
Dyersburg_AP	79	37	61	4	0.85	5	11.80	-1.67	0.79	-0.01	
Henderson_4W	79	27	56	1	1.12	4	13.36	-1.32	0.89	0.09	
Huntingdon_Wate	82	30	58	7	0.90	4	12.37	-2.60	0.72	-0.07	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	81	30	59	4	0.92	5	12.03	-2.65	0.72	-0.08	
Lexington_Ag	80	32	57	3	0.61	4	12.72	-1.40	0.47	-0.31	
Memphis_WFO	81	35	62	7	1.02	3	12.87	-1.50	0.21	-0.67	
Milan_Exp_Stn	80	32	58	7	0.28	5	11.76	-2.82	0.25	-0.55	
Paris_2SE	80	27	56	3	1.00	4	12.05	-2.69	0.95	0.15	
Selmer	81	31	59	4	1.80	5	15.11	-1.08	1.08	0.21	
Union_City_AP	79	28	55	3	1.21	5	13.67	0.17	1.17	0.37	
Middle											
Bethpage_1S	79	23	53	-1	0.97	3	13.56	-1.12	0.90	0.14	
Carthage	78	23	55	3	0.79	2	13.45	-1.40	0.79	0.07	
Centerville_4NE	80	26	57	2	0.66	3	12.83	-2.30	0.51	-0.31	
Cheatham_L_D	82	32	58	7	0.66	3	11.64	-2.79	0.61	-0.13	
Clarksville_AP	80	31	58	5	1.73	4	13.53	-0.93	1.72	0.97	
Coalmont	74	19	51	-2	2.09	3	18.62	-0.29	1.52	0.57	
Columbia_3WNW	80	23	56	4	0.83	2	12.55	-3.59	0.60	-0.28	
Cookeville	76	21	54	2	1.25	3	14.59	-1.84	1.15	0.34	
Crossville_AP	74	32	56	5	1.57	3	15.54	-0.84	1.46	0.63	
Dover_1W	80	31	58	5	1.61	3	15.57	0.60	1.61	0.81	
Fayetteville_Wt	81	30	61	7	1.03	3	18.19	1.04	0.35	-0.52	
Hohenwald	77	36	58	3	0.65	3	13.22	-3.45	0.41	-0.51	
Jamestown	74	21	52	2	1.35	3	14.28	-0.90	1.17	0.44	
Kingston_Spring	80	21	56	4	0.83	3	13.22	-1.30	0.74	0.00	
Lobelville	80	23	57	3	1.13	3	13.33	-2.74	0.98	0.17	
Monteagle	76	26	53	2	2.28	3	17.46	-1.45	1.33	0.38	
Murfreesboro_5N	79	25	55	3	0.65	3	13.54	-1.63	0.60	-0.18	
Nashville_Metro	82	34	60	6	0.94	2	11.98	-1.23	0.91	0.23	
Shelbyville_Wtr	79	31	59	5	0.98	4	13.61	-2.77	0.59	-0.23	
Sparta_WWTP	78	29	56	1	1.73	3	14.57	-1.75	1.60	0.82	
Springfield_Exp	79	24	56	4	1.33	3	12.50	-1.34	1.25	0.53	
Tennessee_Ridge	79	29	56	4	0.70	2	11.94	-3.74	0.70	-0.12	
Thompson_Statio	79	26	56	2	0.48	3	12.66	-3.93	0.39	-0.46	
Wartrace_6E	76	24	57	4	1.11	3	15.08	-2.95	0.76	-0.17	
Waynesboro_Ag	79	26	57	5	1.66	6	14.74	-2.42	0.84	-0.07	
East											
Athens	80	23	55	3	0.88	3	14.46	-3.76	0.52	-0.38	
Chattanooga_Lov	82	37	61	5	2.05	3	12.65	-4.61	1.47	0.65	
Gatlinburg_2SW	78	22	52	1	1.31	4	12.81	-2.66	0.86	0.08	
Greeneville_Exp	75	24	51	3	0.97	2	10.02	-1.95	0.75	0.10	
Kingston_Ag	77	24	53	2	0.70	3	13.63	-3.97	0.65	-0.18	
Knoxville_AP	76	31	57	3	0.85	3	12.39	-2.07	0.73	0.02	
Lenior_City	78	24	54	0	0.93	2	13.73	-2.57	0.81	0.00	
Morristown_Radi	75	23	53	2	0.55	3	11.13	-2.28	0.50	-0.12	
Oak_Ridge	78	33	58	5	1.12	3	13.58	-2.55	1.07	0.29	
Roan_Mtn_2SE	72	14	48	4	1.15	2	9.49	-4.15	1.00	0.27	
Rogersville_1NE	76	29	52	-1	1.08	3	11.98	-0.41	1.01	0.41	
Townsend_5S	77	20	52	1	1.39	3	14.65	-0.82	0.99	0.21	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	76	27	53	3	1.32	3	10.56	-0.82	1.23	0.68	

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.