



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRIER CONDITIONS ALLOW FARMERS BACK INTO FIELDS

A mostly rain-free week allowed fields to dry out to the point that field work could resume all across the state. Corn farmers made great strides in planting and some early crop soybeans were also planted. Hay producers began the first cutting of hay. Tobacco growers hope to start with early transplanting within the next week. Fruit growers reported some damage to their crops from the recent cool temperatures. There were 5.8 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 1 percent short, 81 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Winter Wheat - Jointing	93	81	88	94	Wheat	0	2	18	56	24
Winter Wheat - Headed	47	13	29	57	Pasture	0	6	21	60	13
Corn - Planted	51	17	66	68	Strawberries	0	7	27	59	7
Corn - Emerged	13	3	32	46	Cattle	0	3	19	65	13
Apples - Full Bloom	95	85	86	90						
Soybeans - Planted	4	1	5	6						
Cotton - Planted	7	3	6	7						

### County Agent Comments

*Corn producers rushing to complete late corn planting. Should complete corn planting by Saturday. Some producers have already switched to grain sorghum planting or will be after completing corn. Some early soybean acres have been planted and will continue to be planted as weather and time allow. Cotton producers are beginning to think about cotton planting and expect that activity to begin seriously this next week. Wheat continues to progress well. Fungicide applications are being applied this current week and will continue this next week.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*Finally some suitable weather to plant corn. Producers should have another good week to plant corn and to make burn-down sprays for soybeans. Winter wheat is looking good. Cattle are in excellent condition and pastures are greening up fast.*

**J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*The farmers in Fayette County made great strides this week in planting their crops. Many fields were still too wet to plant until later in the week. Soil temps are still a little too cold for planting cotton but warming every day.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Finally, a good week for planting crops.*

**Jake Mallard, Madison County**

*Dry weather conditions have allowed corn producers to make great planting progress. Producers have been busy preparing fields for planting, applying fertilizer and herbicides. Wheat is heading and looks great at this point.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Drier conditions allowed for some field work to begin this week. The first cutting of hay has begun for several producers. Tobacco transplants are looking good. Growers hope to start with early transplanting within the next week.*

**Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

*Good progress made planting corn last week. Some wheat cut for hay and some farmers planning to start cutting fescue hay this week. Strawberry growers to begin harvest this week.*

**Paul Hart, Robertson County**

*Corn planting really picked up this week.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*We started cutting hay this week. Wheat and ryegrass is ready and most of it looks good if we can get it cured. Planting has moved along well this week.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Sunshine and warmer temperatures were welcomed. Row crop work is finally progressing but number acres for corn is questionable. Grass growth has really jumped. Winter annuals for silage are being harvested and yield is reported as very good.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*It has been a while since reporting more than two days suitable for fieldwork. Rain at the beginning of the week and light showers mid-week did little to keep farmers out of the field. Rain totals for the week ranged from .35 to nearly an inch in the southwestern portion of the County. Corn & cotton producers were able to make up for lost time. A few beans were planted. Wheat producers were busy applying fungicides. Several acres of hay went down anticipating good drying conditions.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*Corn planting and some soybean planting was favorably met with a rain-free week. A significant start to first-cutting hay was begun. Several bottom-land corn fields are still too wet to plant. Burn-down sprays were applied also with the favorable weather. The nights have been cool with a couple in the high 30's but no frost reported.*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

*Nearly finished planting corn. Going on to planting soybeans now. Barley and wheat look pretty good. Little wild barley is really abundant now as well as fire ants.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION**  
**For week ending: May 3, 2015 (with comparisons)**

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending May 3, 2015				Current Week 05/04/15	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	79	42	58	-6	0.00	0	18.45	-2.40	5.41	-0.66	
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	76	41	56	-8	0.00	0	20.26	0.16	8.43	2.69	
Brownsville	79	43	57	-8	0.00	0	17.58	-1.78	5.42	0.01	
Covington_3SW	78	42	57	-8	0.00	0	16.51	-3.26	4.76	-1.12	
Dresden	75	41	56	-6	0.00	0	20.20	0.92	7.36	1.74	
Dyersburg_AP	77	45	58	-8	0.00	0	15.62	-2.34	4.61	-0.68	
Henderson_4W	78	38	56	-8	0.00	0	20.19	0.99	7.72	2.40	
Huntingdon_Wate	78	42	56	-4	0.00	0	17.44	-1.79	5.79	0.74	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	78	42	57	-7	0.00	0	17.29	-1.91	5.98	0.66	
Lexington_Ag	77	41	56	-8	0.00	0	18.31	-0.09	6.06	1.00	
Memphis_WFO	79	45	59	-6	0.00	0	16.33	-3.03	3.67	-2.20	
Milan_Exp_Stn	77	40	56	-6	0.00	0	15.73	-3.39	4.42	-0.92	
Paris_2SE	76	39	56	-6	0.00	0	17.63	-1.52	6.53	1.32	
Selmer	78	41	58	-6	0.00	0	21.34	0.28	7.31	1.57	
Union_City_AP	75	39	55	-7	0.00	0	17.52	-0.52	5.02	-0.32	
Middle											
Bethpage_1S	76	39	54	-9	0.00	0	17.99	-0.64	5.33	0.62	
Carthage	75	37	54	-7	0.00	0	17.35	-1.25	4.69	0.22	
Centerville_4NE	74	37	54	-10	0.00	0	18.46	-1.11	6.14	0.88	
Cheatham_L_D	82	37	56	-4	0.00	0	17.01	-1.37	5.98	1.29	
Clarksville_AP	76	39	56	-6	0.00	0	19.63	1.21	7.82	3.11	
Coalmont	73	35	53	-8	0.05	2	25.82	2.32	8.72	3.18	
Columbia_3WNW	76	39	55	-6	0.00	0	18.57	-2.06	6.62	1.25	
Cookeville	74	36	52	-8	0.05	2	18.03	-2.62	4.59	-0.44	
Crossville_AP	72	41	54	-6	0.02	1	20.54	-0.11	6.46	1.36	
Dover_1W	78	42	57	-6	0.00	0	21.06	1.89	6.92	1.92	
Fayetteville_Wt	79	41	58	-4	0.03	1	22.73	1.51	4.89	-0.05	
Hohenwald	74	40	54	-9	0.00	0	19.59	-1.79	6.62	0.99	
Jamestown	74	35	51	-8	0.05	1	19.34	0.29	6.23	1.63	
Kingston_Spring	76	38	55	-6	0.00	0	20.38	1.85	7.90	3.15	
Lobelville	76	37	56	-7	0.00	0	19.50	-0.93	7.15	1.98	
Monteagle	72	38	53	-7	0.12	2	25.03	1.53	8.90	3.36	
Murfreesboro_5N	75	35	54	-8	0.00	0	17.75	-1.32	4.80	0.12	
Nashville_Metro	79	43	58	-5	0.00	0	17.40	0.49	6.33	1.95	
Shelbyville_Wtr	79	40	58	-5	0.00	0	19.12	-1.17	6.10	1.37	
Sparta_WWTP	75	37	54	-9	0.08	1	18.77	-1.44	5.80	1.13	
Springfield_Exp	77	39	55	-6	0.00	0	19.10	1.24	7.85	3.11	
Tennessee_Ridge	82	41	57	-5	0.00	0	18.36	-1.69	7.12	1.93	
Thompson_Statio	76	42	58	-5	0.00	0	18.18	-2.79	5.91	0.68	
Wartrace_6E	71	40	54	-8	0.02	1	20.96	-1.57	6.64	1.21	
Waynesboro_Ag	76	42	57	-4	0.00	0	22.43	0.47	8.53	2.82	
East											
Athens	75	38	56	-6	0.11	1	19.56	-3.03	5.88	0.61	
Chattanooga_Lov	77	44	60	-4	0.08	2	20.49	-0.57	9.31	4.69	
Gatlinburg_2SW	70	35	52	-7	0.26	3	17.67	-1.86	5.72	0.88	
Greenville_Exp	73	33	53	-4	0.06	2	14.10	-1.34	4.83	0.71	
Kingston_Ag	75	38	55	-5	0.05	1	18.46	-3.38	5.48	0.41	
Knoxville_AP	75	40	56	-6	0.08	1	15.80	-2.36	4.14	-0.27	
Lenior_City	74	39	56	-7	0.07	2	17.42	-2.96	4.50	-0.39	
Morristown_Radi	73	39	55	-6	0.10	2	15.67	-1.04	4.79	0.87	
Oak_Ridge	77	40	57	-5	0.03	1	19.28	-0.85	6.77	1.99	
Roan_Mtn_2SE	66	30	47	-5	0.58	3	14.59	-2.90	6.10	1.52	
Rogersville_1NE	73	36	54	-7	0.05	1	18.74	2.81	7.33	3.19	
Townsend_5S	71	36	52	-7	0.43	2	19.00	-0.53	5.34	0.50	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	74	35	54	-5	0.09	1	14.31	-0.13	4.98	1.37	

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.