



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending August 30, 2015

## CORN HARVEST, HAY CUTTING PICKS UP

Producers took advantage of the dry weather last week to harvest grain sorghum and corn. Corn yields are, so far, meeting earlier expectations of a good crop. Farmers are unsure of how the presence of sugarcane aphids will affect their grain sorghum harvest. Producers took advantage of dry weather during the week to make another hay cutting. There were 6.3 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 6 percent very short, 16 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 6 percent very short, 15 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Dough	98	97	98	99	Corn	0	2	13	57	28
Corn – Dented	85	74	80	91	Cotton	0	1	18	60	21
Corn – Mature	25	6	17	49	Pasture	1	7	27	57	8
Cotton – Setting Bolls	91	86	95	98	Soybeans	1	3	16	60	20
Cotton – Bolls Opening	13	8	25	28	Tobacco	6	10	31	46	7
Soybeans – Setting Pods	91	81	91	93						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	4	N/A	3	11						
Tobacco – Topped	87	84	86	89						
Tobacco - Cut	21	N/A	7	32						

### County Agent Comments

*Grain sorghum harvest has begun. Corn harvest has begun. Both on small acres at this time. After Fair week, we will be in full harvest mode on grain sorghum and corn. Cotton and soybeans continue to progress well. Some grain sorghum fields are being sprayed in conjunction with crop desiccant to control sugarcane aphid infestations to hopefully prevent any serious harvest issues associated with the presence of aphids.*

**Tim Campbell, Dyer County**

*The county had a week of no rain but lower nighttime temperatures has caused cotton to slow down.*

**Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*Corn harvest has begun!*

**Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

*The farmers in Fayette County had a great week. No rain and cooler temps. Milo is close to being harvested and some early corn looks close. Some spraying for bugs took place. Crops look good.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Corn harvest has begun with moisture in the 22 % range. Early group 3 beans will begin harvest next week.*

**Ron Blair, Henderson County**

*Much cooler temperatures and dry conditions have some producers harvesting early planted corn. Non-irrigated corn is yielding above the normal county average. Soybeans are in need of rain to help pods fill. Hay producers are taking advantage of dry conditions to harvest forage crops. Some scattered insecticide applications have been made in grain sorghum and soybeans.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Good rainfall over the last 10 days has greened up pastures. Some corn producers are planning to begin harvest in the next few days.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Corn silage harvest is well underway. Crops look good as do pastures. Cattle also look good and the hay supply is increasing. Last week's rain has kicked pasture and hay growth into a higher gear. Fall seeding of cool season grasses has begun with the increase in soil moisture.*

**Richard Groce, Maury County**

*The rain the end of last week really helped everything. We also got more rain this weekend that will help even more. We have corn almost ready for harvest and some soybeans are dropping leaves.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Unusual weather for August with low humidity and moderate temperatures. No rain all week and fall hay harvest has been in full swing. Been a great week for harvesting corn silage. Some corn grain producers are waiting on high moisture corn to dry to begin harvest. Pastures remain in good condition.*

**Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*An excellent week of weather saw corn producer's kick-off harvest with yield reports ranging from 160 to 200 plus bushels of corn. Rain at the end of the week ranged from a tenth to half inch, with a few isolated spots in the southwest portion receiving flash flooding rains Saturday evening. Double crop soybeans greatly benefitted from last week's rain, early beans are turning color and shedding leaves. Hay producers caught up on third cutting hay harvest. Pastures are in excellent condition.*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*Been a good week for farm work. No rain since Sunday morning. Some producers were able to harvest some hay, crops looking good*

**Billy Garrett, Pickett County**

*Corn and beans still looking great! Lots of 2nd cut hay went up this week.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION**  
**For week ending: August 30, 2015 (with comparisons)**

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION						
	Week Ending August 30, 2015				Current Week 08/30//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	93	53	72	-5	0.00	0	41.35	3.54	28.31	5.28	
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	89	53	71	-6	0.08	1	46.57	9.95	34.81	12.55	
Brownsville	90	56	72	-6	0.00	0	38.16	2.42	26.00	4.21	
Covington_3SW	89	54	71	-7	0.00	0	35.81	0.38	22.50	0.96	
Dresden	89	53	71	-6	0.05	1	37.59	0.16	25.35	1.58	
Dyersburg_AP	89	53	72	-7	0.08	1	31.08	-2.71	20.07	-1.05	
Henderson_4W	89	51	70	-8	0.00	0	40.84	3.85	28.37	5.26	
Huntingdon_Wate	91	53	72	-2	0.00	0	35.36	-1.01	23.71	1.52	
Jackson_Exp_Stn	91	51	71	-7	0.00	0	35.70	-1.29	24.39	1.28	
Lexington_Ag	89	53	71	-7	0.00	0	39.42	4.71	27.30	5.93	
Memphis_WFO	94	57	73	-5	0.02	1	33.37	-1.88	20.71	-1.05	
Milan_Exp_Stn	91	52	71	-3	0.00	0	38.89	2.73	27.58	5.20	
Paris_2SE	91	52	71	-5	0.00	0	31.92	-4.49	20.82	-1.65	
Selmer	90	53	72	-5	0.00	0	39.64	1.43	25.61	2.72	
Union_City_AP	89	53	71	-5	0.06	1	36.77	2.07	24.27	2.27	
Middle											
Bethpage_1S	89	51	70	-6	1.12	1	35.94	-0.22	23.28	1.04	
Carthage	86	53	70	-6	0.38	2	35.00	-1.65	22.34	-0.18	
Centerville_4NE	85	53	69	-7	0.13	1	39.36	2.74	27.04	4.73	
Cheatham_L_D	92	52	71	-4	0.05	1	34.04	-1.10	23.01	1.56	
Clarksville_AP	91	50	71	-6	0.00	0	34.79	-0.11	22.98	1.79	
Coalmont	81	47	66	-7	1.09	2	45.62	3.00	28.52	3.86	
Columbia_3WNW	88	53	70	-6	0.01	1	36.33	-1.88	24.38	1.43	
Cookeville	86	52	69	-5	0.02	1	43.39	3.89	29.95	6.07	
Crossville_AP	82	53	70	-2	1.38	1	44.66	5.23	30.58	6.70	
Dover_1W	91	53	71	-5	0.00	0	42.81	6.89	29.07	7.32	
Fayetteville_Wt	89	54	72	-4	0.25	2	42.66	5.02	24.82	3.46	
Hohenwald	85	51	69	-8	0.37	2	37.54	-1.87	24.64	0.98	
Jamestown	83	50	69	-3	0.04	1	42.32	3.27	29.27	4.67	
Kingston_Spring	91	52	71	-4	0.00	0	34.46	-0.42	21.98	0.88	
Lobelville	88	51	70	-6	0.00	0	42.38	3.86	30.03	6.77	
Monteagle	81	53	68	-5	1.62	2	54.81	12.19	38.68	14.02	
Murfreesboro_5N	89	52	71	-6	0.22	2	43.53	6.69	30.91	8.46	
Nashville_Metro	91	57	75	-3	0.10	1	34.96	2.42	23.89	3.88	
Shelbyville_Wtr	87	55	71	-5	0.51	2	41.66	3.47	28.28	5.65	
Sparta_WWTP	86	52	70	-5	0.26	1	43.89	5.33	30.92	7.90	
Springfield_Exp	90	52	70	-5	0.11	1	34.95	0.29	23.70	2.16	
Tennessee_Ridge	90	56	72	-3	0.00	0	36.94	-1.25	25.72	2.39	
Thompson_Statio	87	53	71	-5	0.31	2	38.34	0.21	26.07	3.68	
Wartrace_6E	81	54	68	-7	1.98	2	45.00	4.75	30.68	7.53	
Waynesboro_Ag	88	52	72	-4	0.10	1	42.91	1.76	28.23	3.33	
East											
Athens	88	57	73	-3	2.46	1	47.17	7.92	33.50	11.57	
Chattanooga_Lov	89	59	76	-2	1.35	1	40.70	3.57	29.52	8.83	
Gatlinburg_2SW	83	52	67	-4	0.06	1	31.99	-8.97	20.04	-6.23	
Greeneville_Exp	87	54	71	0	0.00	0	28.58	-3.56	19.31	-1.51	
Kingston_Ag	86	53	71	-3	0.68	1	44.80	3.01	31.82	6.80	
Knoxville_AP	90	60	75	-2	0.00	0	31.81	-2.16	20.15	-0.07	
Lenior_City	88	56	72	-5	0.00	0	38.08	1.05	25.21	3.67	
Morristown_Radi	84	55	71	-4	0.06	1	36.96	3.49	26.08	5.40	
Oak_Ridge	88	57	74	-2	1.32	1	37.72	-0.17	25.21	2.67	
Roan_Mtn_2SE	79	50	64	1	0.31	2	32.88	-2.06	24.39	2.36	
Rogersville_1NE	86	53	70	-4	0.00	0	35.45	4.21	24.04	4.59	
Townsend_5S	80	52	67	-4	0.19	1	40.25	-0.71	26.59	0.32	
Tri-City_RGNL_A	86	55	71	-1	0.74	1	29.25	-0.13	19.92	1.37	

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1971-2000 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.