



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FIELDWORK INCREASES AS FARMERS TRY TO BEAT RAIN

Farmers took advantage of drier conditions and tried to get in as much fieldwork as possible before rain returned at the end of the week. Row crop farmers continued the application of burndown herbicides and anhydrous ammonia and corn farmers were busy beginning their planting. Forage producers continued fertilizing their hay fields and pastures. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 35 percent surplus. All crops flood damage rated 5 percent severe, 17 percent moderate, 23 percent light, and 55 percent none.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Corn – Planted	8	1	2	5	Pasture	2	13	38	41	6
Winter Wheat - Jointing	48	25	66	46	Winter Wheat	1	8	27	54	10
Apples – Full Bloom	39	15	36	34	Strawberries	0	5	42	44	9

County Agent Comments

Burndown was in full swing this week and a few acres of corn were planted before the rain.

Mitch Pigue, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette County have been spraying burndown and will probably plant more corn next week.

Wheat looks good. Pastures are greening up from earlier fertilizer applications.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Some corn was planted this week. Livestock producers were very busy fertilizing hay and pasture ground before the rains set in.

Jared Stricklin, Hardin County

Producers made good field-work progress until rain started on Thursday morning. Approximately 0.50" of rain fell gently across the county. Several acres of corn have been planted and soil temperatures are gradually increasing. Pastures and wheat are improving in appearance.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Topsoil is somewhat dry, even though much rain has fallen; however, subsoil moisture is very good and water table should be good.

Rebecca Norman, Montgomery County

We got some corn planted the first of the week. Rain hit Thursday and we got .5 inches that slowed us down and more rain this morning so it may be a few days before we get back in the field. Pastures and hay land is beginning to look good and a lot of it has been fertilized over the last two weeks.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

On-site visits and conversations with growers confirm strawberries are behind schedule, not having the overall plant and leaf development to support a full crop of berries. 10-50 per cent of exposed blooms were dead, with the difference being whether or not the berries were covered during critical periods.

Bob Ary, Sumner County

Dry weather persisted this week. Need a little more rain to activate the fertilizer that has been spread last two weeks. More corn being planted and burn-down applications going out. Pastures are short and hay is gone, need rain to jump start pastures for most people.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

The wet weather has made pastures rough with ruts from feeding of hay and cattle traffic.

Bruce Steelman, Wilson County

Intermittent rain has made it difficult to continue corn planting in some areas, though the moisture may benefit what has been planted. Wheat crop is varying in condition and maturity. Cool season grass pastures are growing rapidly as they should with temps in normal range with no lack of water. Forecast looks very spring-like for the upcoming week with chances of rain every other day that may limit planting progress. Aside from the abundance of dihydrogen monoxide, we're looking good. You all have a great week.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

.8 inch rain this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Cooler weather has held back pasture and cool season forage growth.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Most producers are behind schedule due to excess moisture.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County