



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 21, 2019

WET CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO HINDER PLANTING

Rains returned to West Tennessee last week, keeping most farmers from the field. Soybean and cotton planting began on a very limited basis. Anticipating drier conditions, row crop farmers expected to begin planting in earnest during the coming week. Wheat condition continued to improve in most areas. Pasture and forage condition also continued to improve. There were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 51 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 61 percent adequate, and 39 percent surplus. All Crops Flood Damage rated 4 percent severe, 17 percent moderate, 22 percent light, and 57 percent none. All Crops Rain Damage rated 4 percent severe, 25 percent moderate, 23 percent light, and 48 percent none. Winter Wheat Planted Area – Flooded Percentage was reported at 16%.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Planted	24	16	27	30	Pasture	1	9	33	48	9
Corn – Emerged	9	2	1	5	Winter Wheat	2	6	30	48	14
Cotton – Planted	1	0	0	1	Strawberries	0	3	32	46	19
Soybeans – Planted	1	N/A	1	1						
Winter Wheat - Jointing	87	75	88	78						
Winter Wheat – Headed	21	5	9	17						
Apples – Full Bloom	78	57	69	75						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County will be planting corn and beans this week. Wet conditions have not allowed much planting. Spraying pastures, hayfields and burndown have been going on where it has been drier. Wheat looks good.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

Another wet week with little to no field work. Corn that has been planted is emerging very slowly. Wheat continues to improve in appearance.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Consistent weekly rain events have kept high moisture levels in both the topsoil and subsoil.
David Cook, Davidson County

We had 2.3 more inches of rain Friday and Saturday slowed field work for a few days. We did get a little more corn planted and some spraying and fertilizing done last week.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Another mostly good week for field work. Pastures sure have improved. Small grains and winter annuals are much improved. Folks are working on pasture damage from wet, winter weather.
A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Sunshine week followed by rainy weekend
John Goddard, Loudon County