



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 28, 2019

DRIER CONDITIONS BOOST PLANTING

Drier conditions allowed farmers back into the field on a limited basis. Corn, soybean, and cotton planting continued. Strawberry harvest and the first cutting of hay began. Winter wheat responded well to the warmer, drier weather, as did pasture and forage conditions. There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 73 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Hay and Roughage Supplies rated 16 percent very short, 25 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	41	24	35	50	Pasture	1	9	31	49	10
Corn – Emerged	19	9	7	19	Winter Wheat	1	6	33	47	13
Cotton – Planted	2	1	1	4	Strawberries	0	2	22	59	17
Soybeans – Planted	3	1	2	4	Apples	0	1	16	71	12
Winter Wheat - Jointing	94	87	91	88						
Winter Wheat – Headed	42	21	26	40						
Apples – Full Bloom	84	78	81	86						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week of planting corn and some beans. The weather looks like it will cooperate this weekend and most of next week. More crops will go into the ground. Wheat is heading out and looks good.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Weather conditions have allowed farmers field access on a gradual basis this week. Corn planters are rolling. A few producers are working ground to get a dry seedbed. Wheat is just starting to head.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Producers took the opportunity this weekend to lay some hay on the ground with the intention of getting baled by mid-week. Grass growth has been really good in pastures and hay fields. A lot of ground that was sown in cover crops has been terminated and corn planting is gaining speed.

Matt Webb, Marshall County

Wet conditions last weekend then more rain on Thursday slowed field work. Corn that's up is looking good and wheat is really coming out. Our hay crop is not doing so well yet. We need more sunshine.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Strawberry harvest getting underway this week.

Bob Ary, Sumner County

Many acres of hay and pasture being fertilized. High percentage is using Grazon coated urea and seeing good results.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Some warm, sunny days have made a difference in pastures and hay fields. Crop work continues with planting as weather and soil conditions permits. Winter wheat has sure responded to the sun and warmer temperature. Some early wheat baleage has been harvested.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Good soil moisture and warming temperatures have improved forage growth.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Warmer, dryer weather provided opportunities to catch up on some field work. Several farmers mowing hay and planting corn.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County