



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## CORN PLANTING IN FULL SWING

Drier conditions allowed row crop producers to make excellent progress in planting corn, cotton, and soybeans. Wheat growers began spraying fungicides. Some hay was cut in drier areas with most producers reporting good quality and yields. Pastures were said to be in generally good condition with some livestock producers applying fertilizer. There were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 25 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	65	41	61	70	Pasture	1	7	28	53	11
Corn – Emerged	36	19	20	38	Winter Wheat	2	7	32	47	12
Cotton – Planted	12	1	9	11	Strawberries	0	3	22	59	16
Soybeans – Planted	9	3	6	9	Hay	1	5	30	55	9
Winter Wheat - Jointing	97	94	94	94	Cattle	1	5	25	59	10
Winter Wheat – Headed	78	42	62	65						

### County Agent Comments

*Farmers have managed to get most of the corn and a few acres of cotton planted in between rains. If weather permits, lots of cotton will be planted the following weeks with soybeans soon to follow. Most of our wheat is heading and growing normally. Cattle and pastures are in very good condition. Not much hay cutting as of yet.*

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

*A break in rain made for a big push to get corn planted this week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday have been some of the busiest days of the planting season thus far. Most are much more behind than usual due to wet weather.*

**Justin Hargrove, Benton County**

*The farmers in Fayette County have been busy planting corn and beans. A few have started planting cotton. Wheat looks good and is in full bloom. Some are spraying pastures and hay fields.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Corn, soybeans and cotton were planted this week. Producers started applying fungicide to wheat. Disease pressure is light in wheat at this time. Unusual to get cotton and soybeans seeded in April.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Those producers who elected to harvest hay the weekend prior were rewarded with good drying conditions and put up some good quality. An inch or more of rain fell on the county this weekend and with more rain in the forecast this week will hamper those continued efforts. Home gardens are looking excellent. Corn planting has been rapid and will be over soon. Soybean planting has begun.*

**Matt Webb, Marshall County**

*Corn planting is about over no beans planted yet but may start this week. We baled some wheat for hay last week and maybe we'll get some more cut this week. We need some dry weather so we can start cutting hay.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Farmers are spraying winter wheat to get ready for corn or other crop planting.*

**Kristen Rich, Clay County**

*Weekly rainfall amounts have replenished both topsoil and subsoil levels.*

**David Cook, Davidson County**

*No rain for 6 days allowed corn planting to move towards completion and other field work to kick in to high gear. Wheat production is wrapping up and soybean planting time is here. As for the hay crop, the first round bales were put on the ground this week with good yields due to near ideal growing conditions. Pasture and cattle looking good as is most everything else green. Looking forward to a few more dry days and then a few inches of rain. You all have a great week!*

**Matthew Deist, Marion County**

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