



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## PLANTING PROGRESS CONTINUES

Timely fieldwork took place around late-week rains, allowing producers to continue corn, cotton, and soybean planting. Wheat growers wrapped up spraying fungicides while corn producers applied post-emerge herbicides and side-dress nitrogen. Most crops are progressing well with some reports of hay needing cut. Tennessee is experiencing mostly fair and good conditions on most crops, despite the challenging weather conditions. There were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 30 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	79	65	83	87	Winter Wheat	2	9	20	49	20
Corn – Emerged	57	36	55	61	Pasture	2	7	32	47	12
Cotton – Planted	35	12	43	34						
Soybeans – Planted	20	9	23	22						
Winter Wheat - Jointing	99	97	NA	NA						
Winter Wheat – Headed	93	78	87	86						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	4	NA	NA	NA						

### County Agent Comments

*The farmers in Fayette County had a few days they could get planting done before rains started again. Next week, if it dries and the weather holds as they say, a lot of planting will get done. Wheat looks good and the crops that are up look good.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Corn and soybean planting continues at a snail's pace. Wet soil conditions has limited planting progress. Some corn post-emerge herbicide and side-dress nitrogen applications were made this week. Most wheat fungicide application were completed this week as well. Rain moved back in on Thursday halting field work.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*We got some more planting done but rain hit Thursday and we are at a standstill again. A lot of grass hay needs cutting but everyone is watching the forecast. Crops in the ground look good except where it was under water and some of it has been replanted. Sunshine for a week or 10 days would be great.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Cooler temperatures and adequate rainfall amounts have help to provide excellent growing conditions for cool season pasture grasses.*

**David Cook, Davidson County**

*Corn planting about wrapped up except for a few bottom fields. Still water standing in some fields due to recent rain. Several acres of hay being harvested using high moisture hay wrapping equipment.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Mixed week for crop work. Some soybeans planted in drier fields. Small grain, winter annuals are being baled and wrapped. Pasture work continues as weather permits.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*No rain this week. Lots of corn and beans planted this week. Several folks cut and baled hay this week. Big Rain in forecast for this weekend.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Very wet, resulting in excellent forage growth.*

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

*A lot of progress was made with good weather early in the week; 3" of rain over the weekend.*

**Jason Debusk, Bradley County**

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