



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## FARMERS MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Hot, dry conditions allowed farmers to make excellent progress planting corn, cotton and soybeans. Corn farmers continued to side-dress nitrogen. The harvest of first-cutting hay was in full swing with substantial acreage being cut in preparation for baling over the holiday weekend. Higher than normal temperatures have placed a lot of stress on livestock. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 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	93	85	97	97	Corn	0	3	24	53	20
Corn – Emerged	81	72	88	88	Winter Wheat	2	6	28	51	13
Cotton – Planted	75	50	86	81	Pasture	0	4	29	58	9
Cotton – Squaring	2	1	1	1	Hay	1	4	25	55	15
Soybeans – Planted	49	31	61	50						
Soybeans – Emerged	28	14	37	28						
Winter Wheat – Headed	99	97	98	98						
Winter Wheat – Coloring	63	32	67	53						

### County Agent Comments

*Dry weather and warm temperatures have spurred many producers to finish planting corn and begin planting soybeans this week. Many forage producers have used the favorable weather as an opportunity to lay down their first cutting of hay with the majority of the spring hay crop to be rolled this Memorial Day weekend.*

**Justin Hargrove, Benton County**

*Producers have been taking advantage of good weather conditions to plant crops and cut hay. Pastures look good, hay crop will have the tonnage but most of the fescue cut for hay is headed out so I expect the feed value to be down.*

**Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

*The farmers in Fayette County had a great week for planting!!!! It rained about middle of the week in parts of the county, but a lot of beans and cotton got planted. Many will be done with cotton this weekend. Crops look good for the most part.*

**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Great week for field work. First dry hay cutting is in the books for most. Large amount of soybean acreage put in the ground this week.*

**Jared Stricklin, Hardin County**

*Warmer temperatures and drier weather have planters rolling again with many producers completing corn planting this week. Some corn re-plant has had to occur. Soybean planting is in full swing, as is side-dressing nitrogen in corn. In-crop herbicide applications are on-going. Wheat is changing color and moving toward maturity.*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Dry and warm/hot conditions have made for excellent hay cutting and curing weather over the last week or so. Most of the early tobacco has been set and soybean planting is well underway.*

**Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

*No rain and above normal temperatures set up a great haymaking week. By week's end, soil moisture had dried to the point where crops were needing a rain. Multiple reports of strawberry anthracnose this week.*

**Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County**

*Hay equipment got a workout this week and things look good for hay making the next week. This was much needed. We still have some fields too wet to plant. Everything planted looks good.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Extreme high temperatures and lack of rainfall has depleted both topsoil and subsoil moisture levels.*

**David Cook, Davidson County**

*Dry conditions have led to many acres of hay being harvested and beans planted. Still a few acres of corn being planted.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Good week of field work for crops and hay harvest. No showers reported. Unseasonably high temperatures have stressed producers and cattle this week. Noticed decline in top soil moisture due to heat and lack of rain this week.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*No rain this week. Temperature in the low 90s this week. Rain is needed. Lots of cool season hay harvested this week. Cattle face and horn flies are bad.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Hot temperatures limiting cool season pasture growth.*

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

*We are losing soil moisture quickly. It will be suffering soon.*

**Neal Denton, Knox County**