



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## SCATTERED THUNDERSHOWERS DO LITTLE TO SLOW FIELDWORK

Scattered thundershowers popped up across the state, but did little to hinder fieldwork. For the most part, row crop farmers had finished planting and began turning their attention to crop maintenance. Soybean producers were busy with weed control, while corn producers shifted their focus to applying fungicides. Hay producers were active with their second cutting. High temperatures continued to cause stress among livestock, sending animals searching for water and shade. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<b>Percent</b>					<b>Percent</b>				
Corn – Silking	80	66	90	85	Corn	1	3	16	57	23
Corn – Dough	33	17	39	24	Cotton	4	11	24	47	14
Cotton – Squaring	63	54	91	79	Soybeans	2	4	17	58	19
Cotton – Setting Bolls	13	6	31	23	Tobacco	1	13	42	33	11
Soybeans – Emerged	97	90	97	95	Pasture	0	5	25	58	12
Soybeans – Blooming	40	24	56	43						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	13	3	23	16						
Tobacco – Set	98	93	100	100						
Tobacco – Topped	26	9	7	12						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	99	98	100	N/A						

### County Agent Comments

*The farmers in Fayette County have been busy spraying and cutting hay around pop-up showers all week. Crops look good for the most part. Rain and cooler weather from the tropical storm is supposed to move in this weekend.*  
**Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Scattered thunderstorms and warm temperatures have crops looking very good. Soybean weed control and forage harvest is occurring between showers. Corn fungicide applications are taking place as well. Rainfall across the county since July 1 ranges from one inch to over 4 inches.*  
**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Hot dry conditions have allowed producers to get back into the fields. A few farms are facing some angular leaf spot in tobacco. However, overall most of the crops are looking good.*  
**Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

*Scattered rain over the last week has made final soybean planting and hay cutting difficult. Pastures look good overall, corn crop looks fantastic.*  
**James Harlan, Hickman County**

*Spraying crops and cutting hay. Most of the county got a good much needed rain. Thursday we were dry and still hot.*  
**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Germination on soybeans seems to be an issue. Several fields have skips, but not bad enough to replant.*  
**Bruce Steelman, Cannon County**

*Extreme hot temperatures rapidly depleted both topsoil and subsoil moisture levels, however, weekly rainfall amounts have provided enough moisture to keep crops and pastures in very good condition.*  
**David Cook Davidson County**

*Good week for field work. No crop issues reported but seeing lots of spraying. Hay producers taking advantage of good weather week to get more hay in the barn. Another hot, humid week with cattle spending lots time in the shade. Peach producers have had peaches available a couple of weeks.*  
**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*.1 inch rain this week, temp in 90s all week. Some hay harvested this week.*  
**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Hot temperatures have slowed pasture growth. Wet June delayed corn planting and forced some producers to plant warm season annuals.*

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

*Scattered thundershowers brought needed moisture to crops in some areas of county. Hot, 90's, and humid weather continues with cattle seeking shade and water. Some second-cutting hay harvest occurred earlier in week.*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

*Large numbers of flies and a few pink eye issues reported by cattle producers. Widespread area of coverage of rain on Thursday night. Some areas still need rain and others look really good for mid-July.*

**Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County**