



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRIER, COOLER WEATHER DOMINATE STATE'S WEATHER CONDITIONS

Cooler, drier weather last week afforded producers the opportunity to make 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cuttings of hay. Cooler weather has been a relief to cattle as well. Overall, crops look good. However, little drying of Mississippi bottom land occurred, and producers are doubtful that they will be able to plant in those areas. Field activities included some spraying for pests and fungicide applications. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 71 adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Silking	94	88	96	96	Corn	1	2	13	59	25
Corn – Dough	66	45	76	65	Cotton	4	7	21	55	13
Cotton – Squaring	88	79	98	94	Soybeans	1	3	18	60	18
Cotton – Setting Bolls	47	24	67	59	Tobacco	7	18	34	30	11
Soybeans – Blooming	68	56	82	74	Pasture	1	5	25	57	12
Soybeans – Setting Pods	41	27	53	45	Hay	1	4	22	60	13
Tobacco – Topped	53	43	47	41						

### County Agent Comments

*Upland crops are looking very good in the county. Farmers are making sprays depending on pests. The Mississippi River bottom areas are still mostly unplanted and probably will not be planted. Producers farming in those areas are in a difficult situation. Ripley Tomatoes are in full swing. Cattle and pastures in good condition. Most producers are on their second and third cutting of hay.* **J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*Crops look good. Couple of cotton producers are looking to slow down growth of cotton plants. Not seeing many pigweeds in beans or cotton. Hay and pastures look good for this time of year. Did have one field of Sudan grass test positive for nitrates.* **Kenny Herndon, Carroll County**

*The farmers in Fayette County were able to get hay cut and spraying done. Crops look good. The temperatures were lower and humidity made this week feel great!!!! Night time lows may have even set a record low?* **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Many producers took advantage of great weather for their 2nd hay cutting.* **Jared Strickland, Hardin County**

*A good, soaking rain fell as a cool front moved across the area on Monday. Upwards of 1.5" fell in many locations, pushing the corn crop closer to completion. Producers are starting to apply fungicide to soybeans with some applications being made to late planted corn. A second cutting of hay started this week with excellent drying conditions.* **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Except for a few wet spots from rain earlier this week, most farmers are able to conduct normal field work. Cooler, drier weather has been a blessing.* **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

*A much cooler and dryer week had farmers back in the fields in full action mode. Haymaking was a common sight and sprayers were on the move. Crop conditions continue to look very good as we near the end of July.* **Calvin C. Bryant, Lawrence County**

*Hay cutting has been the main activity this week with the drier weather. Crops are looking good and the cattle enjoyed the cooler weather the first of the week.*

**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Relief from rains allowed hay producers into the field. Many acres put on the ground this week. Some crops in bottom fields were standing in water earlier in the week.*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*Some moderate temperature and humidity was greatly appreciated this week. Crop work has resumed after some heavy rains early in the week. Ground in low areas continues to dry-out. Hay harvest has resumed.*

**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*4.2 inches of rain early this week. Some 2nd cutting hay harvest started this week.*

**John Goddard, Loudon County**

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