



Tennessee Crop Weather

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DRIER WEATHER LAST WEEK FACILITATES ACTIVE FIELD WORK

The advent of drier weather last week cleared the way for producers to harvest 2nd and sometimes 3rd hay cuttings. Many crops are showing benefits from incessant rains earlier in the season, which increased deep soil moistures. That moisture is now sustaining some crops and helping them thrive. Some dark fired tobacco was harvested last week. Most producers reported no major insect or disease issues. There were 5.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 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	97	94	98	98	Corn	1	2	11	59	27
Corn – Dough	79	66	87	80	Cotton	4	7	21	54	14
Corn - Dented	22	N/A	23	22	Soybeans	2	3	18	61	16
Cotton – Squaring	97	88	100	97	Tobacco	6	18	34	31	11
Cotton – Setting Bolls	65	47	83	74	Pasture	1	6	26	55	12
Soybeans – Blooming	78	68	88	83	Hay	0	5	26	57	12
Soybeans – Setting Pods	54	41	66	59	Cattle	1	3	19	64	13
Tobacco – Topped	65	53	59	56						

County Agent Comments

Another good week for crops and pastures. Crops don't appear to be showing the level of stress due to moisture and heat we would normally expect this time of year. Pastures for most part look good for this time of year.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

Dry week in a long time which is unusual to say this time of year. Most farmers had the opportunity to harvest lots of hay with favorable weather conditions. Then a couple of inches of rain came to the area late Saturday and into Sunday which will help the hay fields bounce back from the heat. Some producers will actually get a third cutting this year on mixed grass hay.

Steve Rickman, Chester County

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week spraying and cutting hay. The humidity was down this week for the most part. Crops look good.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Rainfall occurred the first of the week keeping soil moisture in good condition. Weakley County averaged 6 - 9 inches of rainfall for the month of July, depending upon location. Crops look above average for mid-summer. Soybean weed and disease control applications continue to be made. Producers are also starting equipment maintenance in preparation for the fall harvest season.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Hay continues to be poorer in quality than usual due to excessive moisture growing weeds with ground being too wet to cut. Some hay got cut and baled towards the end of the week. Corn and beans doing well on higher ground. Fields on river and creek bottoms have flooded out ends with no crop able to grow. Pink eye in cattle is spreading to all parts of the county. It's even on herds that haven't had pink eye in over 20 years. Sheep and goat foot issues getting better due to soil condition drying out.

Amanda Mathenia, Perry County

The early dark fired tobacco harvest has begun. No rain this week. Good conditions for cutting hay and other field work.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Most of the county needs rain. We received spotted showers only last week. Cutting hay and clipping pastures main activity this week.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Dry weather last week has allowed producers to start second cutting hay. Several producers topping tobacco this week. Pastures still look good from all June and July moisture but after last two weeks of dry weather could use a rain.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Scattered showers have replenished both the topsoil and subsoil moisture levels and greatly have improved pasture and range conditions.

David Cook, Davidson County

Good week for field work. Spraying soybeans with most producers reporting no big issues at this point. Crops looking very good at this point. Good week for hay harvest. High temperatures and humidity mean cattle spending lots of time in the shade.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

No rain this week even though surrounding counties received more than adequate amounts. Lots of hay baled this week. Corn & beans look good.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Continued good soil moisture have maintained good pasture growth.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Another dry week across the county with the exception of the mountains. Cooler temperatures prevailed. Crops and pastures are in need of a good rain.

John Wilson, Blount County

Isolated rains showers make for varied conditions across the county with some areas receiving an abundance while others remain dry. Overall conditions are considered good.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County

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