



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending August 25, 2019

RAIN RETURNS

Rainfall returned to much of the state, bringing with it slightly cooler temperatures. A few corn producers were able to begin harvesting before the rains put a halt to field work. Soybean and cotton growers continued spraying for insects and applying fungicides. Hay baling continued to be a major activity with farmers working on their second and third cuttings between showers. Pasture and forage conditions improved with the rain and cooler temperatures. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 24 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Dough	96	93	99	97	Corn	1	2	14	58	25
Corn – Dented	79	62	83	79	Cotton	4	7	21	55	13
Corn – Mature	21	4	24	22	Soybeans	1	4	23	59	13
Corn – Harvested	1	N/A	1	1	Tobacco	6	16	35	31	12
Cotton – Setting Bolls	97	94	99	95	Pasture	1	8	30	53	8
Cotton – Bolls Opening	8	4	22	14						
Soybeans – Blooming	93	90	99	97						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	83	73	94	88						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	4	N/A	3	2						
Tobacco – Topped	88	84	94	88						
Tobacco – Cut	20	N/A	N/A	N/A						

County Agent Comments

Corn harvest has begun in the county. Yields so far have been around the 175-200 bushel range. Noticed some increase in insect pressure in soybeans. Cotton is looking good. Pastures have held up very well this summer.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week spraying pests and cutting hay. Parts of the county are getting dry. Some rain irrigation. Corn is drying fast. Crops look good for the most part.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Extreme heat and dry weather until late week were detrimental to crop conditions, particularly soybeans. Thunderstorms on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning helped to replenish soil moisture conditions. Producers with grain driers started harvesting corn with moisture running around 24%.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

We are extremely dry. The moisture just keeps going around us. Hopefully a few days of rain will happen this week.

Laurie Mobley, Houston County

Much needed rain this morning.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Heavy rainfall amounts have replenished topsoil and subsoil moisture levels. Lower temperatures will help to retain soil moistures levels and continue to improve pasture and range conditions.

David Cook, Davidson County

A few acres of corn harvested this week. Corn silage harvest about done. Pastures continue to look very good for this time of year.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Rain showers this week put a halt to field work a couple of days. No significant issues reported in crops. Silage harvest is in progress and reports are very good. Late soybeans are catching up.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

A few isolated rain events provided temporary relief to struggling pastures and row crops while a very promising forecast full of moisture has local farmers/producers breathing a sigh of relief. Corn and beans are maturing nicely. Livestock will soon have actively growing forage again, and, if we're lucky, there will be more hay cut in the coming weeks. Things are looking up in Marion County. You all have a good one.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

Corn Harvest began Wednesday. 1.3 inches of much needed rain on Thursday stopped corn harvest.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Much needed rain brought color back to forage.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Welcome rains at end of week brought a trace to nearly two inches. Lots of second cutting hay harvested earlier. Corn silage harvest is underway.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County

General rain ranging from 3/10 to 1.2 inches fell on Thursday night. Just might have saved the wheat beans. Lots of hay being rolled with some producers deciding not to bale any more this year with so much hay already stockpiled. Vegetable producers are in between crops. Recent moisture should help with fall veggies.

Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County

Parts of the county have not received rainfall in close to four weeks. We have had substantial rainfall in the last 24 hours. The rain is very timely for our double crop beans. Silage chopping has also begun full force.

Steven Huff, Jefferson County