



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WIDELY SCATTERED SHOWERS BRING LITTLE RELIEF

Widely scattered showers occurred across the state last week, but these did little to relieve extremely dry conditions. Corn and soybean harvest continued with producers continuing to report favorable yields for both corn and early crop beans. In some areas, deteriorating pasture conditions forced livestock producers to start feeding hay, leading to concerns that they may run short of hay during the winter months. Availability of water for livestock was also a concern, with some farmers having to haul in water for their herds. There were 6.1 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 35 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 22 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated 28 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 19 percent adequate. Hay & Roughage Supplies rated 1percent very short, 13 percent short, 72 percent 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 – Dented	100	98	100	100	Corn	1	2	13	56	28
Corn – Mature	98	95	96	96	Cotton	4	7	29	46	14
Corn – Harvested	74	58	63	69	Soybeans	2	8	31	49	10
Cotton – Bolls Opening	82	69	95	80	Tobacco	7	17	31	34	11
Cotton – Harvested	12	6	13	7	Pasture	11	34	40	13	2
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	71	57	66	67	Cattle	1	4	23	62	10
Soybeans – Harvested	27	18	18	16	Hay	1	9	33	51	6
Tobacco – Cut	94	90	89	81						
Winter Wheat – Planted	10	4	11	6						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	2	0	5	1						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week to harvest corn, beans, and cotton. Defoliation also happened as well as some hay cutting. Yields are good. **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

We missed all rain last week and are very dry. **Joshua German, Hardeman County**

Much needed rain occurred mid-week with .25"-.80" of precipitation across the county. Corn harvest resumed by week's end. Soybeans are rapidly beginning to drop leaves. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

A few showers on Thursday helped us out a little. We are still very dry. **Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County**

Producers are feeding hay. Some are concerned about their supply for winter since they are having to start feeding so early. It is like a dust bowl in Houston County. **Laurie Mobley, Houston County**

Another good harvest week. Hay and pastures are really hurting. Some farmers are feeding hay. We need some moisture for fall seeding. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Prices for stocker cattle depressed, limited forages will prevent backgrounding and will result in weaned calves sold directed to market and in some cases brood cows being sold. Water supplies are becoming critical with reports of low ponds and cattle being moved to preserve water sources. **Bruce Steelman, Cannon County**

It has been very dry in Clay County! **Kristen Rich, Clay County**

Even though some areas of the county got 1/2 inch of rain this week conditions remain very dry. A few livestock producers feeding hay and reports of some hauling water. Corn and early maturing soybean yields are very good. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Dry weather has prevailed again this week. Drought conditions are observed. Grasses are browned and not growing. Crabgrass is about the only thing that continues to grow. Some very spotty sprinkles but no significant rain. Corn harvest continuing. Yield reports are good. Early beans are being harvested with good yield reports. More reports of concerns regarding water availability for livestock

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Extremely dry. Hay supplies may drop if beef producers start feeding early because of drought conditions.

Jason Garrett, Overton County

Got a very small shower for most of the county on Monday, but still very dry. Some corn has been harvested. Soybeans are drying down. Hay supplies are short. Some livestock producers already putting hay out.

Billy Garrett, Pickett County

Lots of beans and corn harvested this past week. Extremely dry conditions right now.

Creig Kimbro, Grundy County

Dry all week again except a small but good rain over the Loudon Area on Thursday. Corn and soybean harvest going well. Temps in the upper 80s this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Very dry conditions have resulted in less pasture and hay.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County