



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending October 27, 2019

RAINS CONTINUE

Rains continued across most of the state providing more much needed moisture to farmers. Soybean harvest continued with yields of late-planted beans showing the detrimental effects of last month's hot, dry weather. Corn and cotton harvests also continued with most farmers continuing to post favorable yields. Pasture conditions improved with the added soil moisture, particularly those pastures with cool weather grasses. Scattered frost, however, kept pasture conditions from improving greatly. There were 4.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 17 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 28 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Harvested	98	96	95	96	Corn	1	2	14	56	27
Cotton – Bolls Opening	100	97	100	99	Cotton	3	4	20	55	18
Cotton – Harvested	60	52	67	58	Soybeans	2	8	29	48	13
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	98	96	100	98	Wheat	3	4	30	54	9
Soybeans – Harvested	72	62	59	64	Pasture	17	31	36	14	2
Winter Wheat – Planted	50	34	49	53						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	21	11	30	26						

County Agent Comments

Harvest is going really well in Lauderdale County. Yields for corn, cotton and soybeans are considerably higher than last years. Recent rains will slow harvest but is much needed for pastures.

J. C Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County did a little bean and cotton harvest but most of the week was too wet for field work.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Soybean and cotton harvest and wheat seeding are ongoing. Producers were able to get back into the field mid-week after Monday's rain event. Soybean yields are holding above average. Cotton yields are north of 2 bales per acre.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Calling for 1-4 inches of rain over the weekend. Pastures are doing better and the rain is really helping. Corn did well however late planted beans didn't get enough rain to develop well and have suffered. Pastures starting to green up and look better but there are still a lot that need better management.

Dill Hughes, Maury County

We had some rain this week to help get seeds up but it's getting late to help pastures much. A lot of producers are already feeding hay. The rain this weekend is much needed.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Much needed rain over the weekend. Still several acres of corn, cotton and soybeans in the field to be harvested.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Some more rain this week but was late in week. It has not turned around the effects of drought but has helped to encourage cool season grass to begin growing. Row crop harvest has progressed and is getting closer to being finished. Some beef producers continue early feeding of hay.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

3.3 inches of slow rain this week. Soybean harvest should finish up next week if no rain.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Good rains have greatly improved soil moisture.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

Another welcome rain late in the week brought about 1.5 inches on average. More wheat planted with recent moisture. Hay feeding continues with cooler temperatures and scattered frost.

John Wilson, Blount County

Finally received measurable rainfall, with some areas getting over 3 inches. Probably too late for most pastures, but a big help for winter annuals.

Jason Debusk, Bradley County