



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## COLD FRONT BRINGS RECORD COLD

A cold front passed through the state early last week bringing with it record low temperatures and, in some areas, snow. Cotton and soybean farmers took advantage of drier conditions toward the end of the week to harvest their crops. Wheat growers were also able to make progress planting. Livestock producers continued to have to feed hay due to the dry weather earlier this autumn. This has led to concerns about hay supplies lasting through the winter. A few cattle producers were already making inquiries about purchasing hay for their herds. There were 4.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Cotton – Harvested	79	73	86	83	Wheat	4	3	29	56	8
Soybeans – Harvested	85	80	74	85	Pasture	9	29	43	17	2
Winter Wheat – Planted	81	68	73	83						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	58	48	57	63						

### County Agent Comments

*Lauderdale County Farmers are going full speed to get soybeans and cotton out of the field. Rains seem to be holding off, so producers should have a good harvest week. Pastures are in good shape but with some producers feeding hay. Overall, cattle are in good to excellent condition.* **J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County**

*The farmers in Fayette County had a few more days they could harvest cotton and beans. Wheat planting has concluded. A lot of the crops should be harvested and farms finished by the end of next week.* **Jeff Via, Fayette County**

*Producers were able to get back in the field late this week after the snow melted and make use of sunshine in pushing closer to the finish line in soybean harvest.* **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*Hay supplies may get tight because of dry weather in the fall. We had to start feeding hay so early.* **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*Bean and cotton harvest about completed. Coldest temperatures of the season this week with lows in mid-teens.* **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*A hard freeze this week. Temperatures below freezing a couple of nights this past week.* **A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*Lots of hay being fed. I'm getting several calls from cattle guys looking for hay. Temps down to 19F and 1 inch of snow. Poor harvest conditions.* **John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Early week saw two plus inches of snow and temperature dip into the teens. Hay feeding for livestock continues with the short pastures and cold temperatures. Wheat still emerging. Soybean harvest is nearing completion.* **John Wilson, Blount County**

*1.5 inches of snow and temps in the teens for two nights brought field work to a halt. Melting snow is a great recharge for soil moisture levels. Pastures on shallow soils have very thin grass stands. Hay supplies seem adequate but cattle are really going through it with cold temps and also fewer chances to stockpile with the drought.* **Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County**