



Tennessee Crop Weather

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DRIER CONDITIONS EARLY LAST WEEK BENEFICIAL FOR FIELD WORK; CROPS, PASTURES IN MOSTLY GOOD CONDITION

In West Tennessee, drier conditions during the first part of the week allowed producers to make progress with field burndown, corn planting, application of fertilizer, and plant some acreage of soybeans. The first strawberries were picked early in the week. Rains, cooler weather, and frost brought fieldwork to a halt at the end of the week. West Tennessee fruit and vegetable producers had enough notice of the impending frost that they were able to set up cover for their crops. In Middle Tennessee, drier weather allowed for field work including spraying, applying fertilizer, and planting corn. The weather was beneficial for crop development. Cattle were in good condition. Rains at the latter part of the week caused some river and creek bottom flooding. In East Tennessee, benefits of earlier rains began to show with the beginnings of improved pasture conditions. Producers planted corn and soybeans, applied fertilizer, and sprayed for weeds. There were 4.9 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture, identically, was rated 2 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Apples – Full Bloom	57	25	52	56	Wheat	1	2	33	49	15
Corn - Planted	12	1	14	12	Pasture	1	7	29	50	13
Winter Wheat - Jointing	73	42	67	66	Strawberries	0	2	24	61	13
Winter Wheat - Headed	6	N/A	4	5						