



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WELCOME RAINS BENEFIT CROPS

In West Tennessee, scattered thundershowers brought cooler temperatures and much-needed rainfall to many areas. This improved row crop conditions and had cotton producers feeling fairly optimistic about the 2020 crop. Major activities included applying pesticides and baling hay. In Middle Tennessee, welcome rainfall benefited pastures and all crops, especially late crop soybeans. High temperatures caused stress in livestock before a cooling trend toward the end of the week. A few vegetable producers reported disease issues. In East Tennessee, farmers also welcomed rain. These rains helped improve overall crop condition, but left corn producers wondering if the moisture had arrived too late to provide benefits for their crop. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Subsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Hay and Roughage Supplies rated 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Silking	94	87	96	97	Corn	2	4	22	58	14
Corn – Dough	59	43	75	78	Cotton	4	9	20	52	15
Cotton – Squaring	90	86	94	95	Pasture	2	8	30	51	9
Cotton – Setting Bolls	67	42	60	68	Soybeans	2	4	21	58	15
Soybeans – Blooming	73	62	75	81	Tobacco	5	9	30	45	11
Soybeans – Setting Pods	45	35	50	56	Hay	3	7	25	57	8
Tobacco – Topped	63	55	62	54						