



Tennessee Crop Weather

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SPOTTY RAINS AID IN CROP DEVELOPMENT

In areas of West Tennessee where there was little rain and higher temperatures, producers had the opportunity for pesticide spraying and baling hay. In areas of West Tennessee where temperatures were cooler, low humidity helped with drydown and crop development. Overall, this area of the state could still use more moisture. In Middle Tennessee, crops are in overall good condition. Spotty rains in the area, though welcome, bring with them the prospect of disease and weed pressure. Rust was observed across fields in varying degrees. While corn silage harvest continued, hay harvest was stalled by recent rain. East Tennessee had several hay acres ready for harvest, which was delayed because of rain. The majority of the corn crop was starting to dent and was expected to be mostly mature in the coming week. Full season soybeans were setting pods and late beans were blooming. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Subsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 27 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Dough	94	86	95	97	Corn	2	3	23	60	12
Corn – Dented	62	43	74	78	Cotton	6	11	16	56	11
Corn - Mature	6	N/A	16	18	Pasture	1	8	30	53	8
Cotton – Setting Bolls	95	88	96	95	Soybeans	2	4	22	59	13
Cotton – Bolls Opening	2	N/A	7	11	Tobacco	4	11	28	47	10
Soybeans – Blooming	96	92	92	96						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	82	73	80	86						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	2	N/A	3	1						
Tobacco – Topped	89	82	87	87						

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