



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRIER CONDITIONS ALLOW FARMERS TO RETURN TO FIELDS

In West Tennessee, farmers were busy readying equipment to harvest corn and soybeans and to start defoliating cotton. Corn growers were waiting for the corn to dry down a bit more before beginning harvest in earnest, though. Some farmers who had already begun their harvests were applying lime to harvested fields. Livestock producers were cutting hay and most reported their pastures in good condition. In Middle Tennessee, farmers took advantage of the hot, dry weather to harvest corn and hay. Much of the corn harvested required extra drying, however. Tobacco harvest resumed with many growers reporting damage from earlier wet conditions. In East Tennessee, drier weather allowed corn and hay harvest to continue. There were 5.5 days eligible for fieldwork last week. Subsoil moisture rated 9 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture rated 10 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<b>Percent</b>					<b>Percent</b>				
Corn – Dented	96	88	96	97	Corn	1	3	23	59	14
Corn – Mature	61	45	78	80	Cotton	6	12	17	54	11
Corn – Harvested for Grain	12	4	32	32	Pasture	1	5	30	52	12
Cotton – Bolls Opening	29	15	41	51	Soybeans	1	4	20	61	14
Soybeans – Setting Pods	97	94	97	98	Tobacco	4	8	28	49	11
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	24	15	36	34						
Soybeans – Harvested	2	0	7	3						
Tobacco – Topped	100	98	N/A	N/A						
Tobacco – Cut	65	42	75	60						
Winter Wheat – Planted	1	0	N/A	N/A						