



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## HARVEST BEGINS IN EARNEST

In West Tennessee, farmers began harvesting corn and soybeans in earnest with good yields being reported for both crops. A few corn producers had to delay harvest for a couple of days while the corn dried down, however. Cotton growers were defoliating their crops in preparation for harvest. In Middle Tennessee, cooler, drier weather aided farmers harvesting corn, hay and tobacco. In East Tennessee, drier weather toward the end of the week allowed corn and hay harvest to continue. Early planted soybeans were shedding leaves, but the later-planted beans had not yet begun to change color. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture rated 1 percent, 15 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 6 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	98	96	98	98	Corn	1	3	21	60	15
Corn – Mature	78	61	92	91	Cotton	6	12	18	50	14
Corn – Harvested for Grain	27	12	52	53	Pasture	1	6	31	51	11
Cotton – Bolls Opening	50	29	63	67	Soybeans	2	4	20	60	14
Cotton – Harvested	1	0	4	4						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	100	97	99	100						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	37	24	52	51						
Soybeans – Harvested	7	2	15	9						
Tobacco – Cut	75	65	87	74						
Winter Wheat – Planted	4	1	3	2						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	1	N/A	0	0						