



Tennessee Crop Weather

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DRY WEATHER KEEPS FARMERS BUSY

In West Tennessee, corn and soybean producers were in the fields harvesting their crops. Yields varied considerably depending on location, but most were in normal range. Cotton growers applied defoliant and began harvesting in earnest. A few farmers planted wheat and other cover crops. In Middle Tennessee, corn and soybean harvest were also underway. Hay producers were wrapping up their third cuttings. In East Tennessee, corn farmers took advantage of the drier conditions and made significant progress in harvesting their crops. Soybean harvest was still a couple of weeks away, though. Some light, scattered frost was reported in the higher elevations. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Hay and Roughage Supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Mature	96	88	99	98	Corn	1	3	23	58	15
Corn – Harvested for Grain	60	40	84	80	Cotton	7	13	19	50	11
Cotton – Bolls Opening	85	66	88	87	Pasture	1	6	29	52	12
Cotton – Harvested	7	2	19	16	Soybeans	1	3	21	61	14
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	69	52	81	79	Hay	1	5	26	60	8
Soybeans – Harvested	21	12	36	27	Cattle	0	2	19	64	15
Tobacco – Cut	93	86	96	89						
Winter Wheat – Planted	11	5	14	13						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	5	3	3	3						