



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FLASH FLOODS AFFLICT PARTS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

West Tennessee farmers received some much-needed rain, with only a few areas not receiving precipitation. Army worms continued to be a major issue across the region as farmers sprayed to contain local outbreaks. Soybean producers were busy applying fungicides and attempting weed control in late-planted fields. Flash floods hit the western part of Middle Tennessee, leaving some row crops and hay fields under water for the foreseeable future. The flood waters also tore down fences and caused other damage to infrastructure. Farmers in the eastern part of Middle Tennessee benefitted from the same rains that caused so much destruction to their neighbors to the west. Rain also fell on East Tennessee, delaying the start of corn harvest, but greatly improving the condition of pastures and other crops. A few instances of local flooding were reported there as well, but they were not as extensive as the Middle Tennessee floods. There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 4 percent very short, 11 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus.

| CROP PROGRESS | | | | | CONDITION | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|----------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 2020 | 5 Year Avg. | Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| | Percent | | | | | Percent | | | | |
| Corn-Dough | 95 | 89 | 93 | 96 | Pasture | 3 | 9 | 26 | 55 | 7 |
| Corn - Dented | 70 | 58 | 59 | 73 | Cotton | 4 | 9 | 20 | 57 | 10 |
| Corn - Mature | 7 | N/A | 5 | 16 | Corn | 1 | 5 | 18 | 58 | 18 |
| Cotton – Squaring | 100 | 95 | 100 | 100 | Soybeans | 3 | 5 | 22 | 56 | 14 |
| Cotton – Setting Bolls | 93 | 75 | 94 | 97 | Tobacco | 4 | 8 | 24 | 52 | 12 |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Soybeans – Blooming | 95 | 91 | 95 | 96 | | | | | | |
| Soybeans – Setting Pods | 82 | 74 | 81 | 85 | | | | | | |
| Soybeans – Dropping Leaves | 3 | N/A | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Tobacco -Topped | 89 | 82 | 88 | 87 | | | | | | |