



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WARMER SPRING WEATHER BRINGS WITH IT GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMING ACTIVITIES

West Tennessee producers enjoyed warm weather that enhanced wheat development and allowed them to make progress on corn and soybean planting. Timely rains toward the end of the week are expected to help with crop and pasture development. Spraying burndowns as well as preparation for applying fungicide to wheat continued. In Middle Tennessee, weather conditions allowed for drier ground, allowing farmers to make planting progress until the weekend, when timely, gentle rains fell. Pasture conditions were improving, allowing cattle to back off hay. In some parts of East Tennessee, existing soil moisture along with additional rains last week aided pastures and hay but delayed fungicide applications and soybean and corn planting. In other areas, several acres of corn for both grain and silage, along with soybeans acres were planted. There were 5.4 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	CONDITION					
					Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	49	23	16	29	Pasture	1	6	34	50	9
Corn - Emerged	11	1	3	8	Winter Wheat	2	8	27	50	13
Cotton - Planted	3	1	0	1	Strawberries	1	6	21	63	9
Soybeans - Planted	16	7	3	3						
Apples – Full Bloom	78	70	70	76						
Winter Wheat – Jointing	91	75	82	87						
Winter Wheat – Headed	38	3	17	25						