



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## EXCELLENT CROP PLANTING AND DEVELOPMENT

In West Tennessee, last week was a great for producers to plant more corn, cotton, and soybeans. The wheat crop looked good, and fungicides were applied. Several acres of wheat in some parts of West Tennessee were harvested for wheat haylage. Several pasture weeds were seen, indicating that pasture grass was not as thick as first thought. Cotton growers were waiting for consistent warm weather before planting their crops. In Middle Tennessee, abundant sunshine and wind dried topsoil moisture, allowing growers to plant row crops early last week. Rain moved in later in the week and provided recharged soil moisture levels. Pasture and hayfield production are down because of lack of moisture earlier in the year. Corn planting was almost finished. In East Tennessee, some wheat hay was baled, and corn planting was finishing. Limited hay growth was reported. Winter wheat that survived the December cold spell has turned into a nice crop. The first hay cutting is expected to be of lower quality than traditionally expected due to changing weather patterns earlier this year. Observation of the developing blueberry crop indicated severe spring freeze damage. There were 5.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	CONDITION						
					Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	Percent					Percent					
Corn – Planted	79	60	61	66	Pasture	1	7	31	53	8	
Corn - Emerged	43	23	23	35	Winter Wheat	2	6	23	53	16	
Cotton - Planted	15	5	12	11							
Winter Wheat – Jointing	97	94	97	N/A							
Winter Wheat -Headed	85	61	78	78							