



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WEATHER IN MOST OF THE STATE FAVORABLE FOR PLANTING AND CROP PROGRESS

Weather in parts of West Tennessee last week allowed farmers to finish planting corn, cotton, and soybeans. In other parts of the region, rain delayed planting but were timely for crop development. Temperatures were favorable. Grass in hayfields and pastures was developing, and wheat for haylage was cut and rolled for hay. Middle Tennessee received abundant amounts of needed rain but left producers on hold to get back in the fields. Some areas in East Tennessee were abnormally dry while intermittent rainfall in other parts of the Region kept soil just moist enough to halt planting progress and put hay cutting on hold. Producers in other areas where conditions were favorable made progress on planting corn and soybeans. Stands looked mostly uniform. Producers were able to spray some fields. Quality of hay remains to be seen because of fluctuations in weather patterns. There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	CONDITION					
					Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	88	79	81	81	Pasture	1	6	30	55	8
Corn - Emerged	64	43	45	57	Winter Wheat	2	6	23	51	18
Cotton - Planted	42	15	44	34						
Winter Wheat – Headed	94	85	91	92						
Winter Wheat -Coloring	6	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Soybeans – Planted	50	38	34	29						
Soybeans – Emerged	22	9	14	11						

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