



Tennessee Crop Weather

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WEATHER FAVORABLE FOR CUTTING HAY AND PLANTING, TRANSPLANTING CROPS

In West Tennessee, mostly dry weather provided the opportunity for farmers to make progress planting soybeans and cotton. Producers also took advantage of the weather to cut hay. Beautiful weather in Central Tennessee opened the opportunity for farmers to transplant tobacco, cut hay, and plant corn and cotton. Except for double cropped soybeans, planting advanced well. Most wheat intended for haylage has been harvested. In many areas, pastures, as well as hay yield and quality, were less than normal due to intense freezes combined with a lack of moisture during the crucial growth period. Roughstalk bluegrass has been noticed in several fields. Before it affects yields, herbicide programs may need to be adjusted. East Tennessee farmers harvested hay with mixed results in quality and quantity depending on rainfall, fertilizer timing, and variable weather during the spring. Showers are needed to help keep corn, soybeans, and wheat crops good in good condition. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	CONDITION					
					Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	97	94	96	94	Pasture	1	5	24	59	11
Corn - Emerged	87	79	79	82	Winter Wheat	0	4	23	53	20
Cotton - Planted	85	62	84	79	Cotton	1	3	25	58	13
Cotton - Squaring	2	1	5	3	Cattle	1	3	18	63	15
Winter Wheat – Headed	98	97	98	N/A	Corn	1	2	19	58	20
Winter Wheat -Coloring	89	35	77	71	Hay	1	5	25	57	12
Winter Wheat - Mature	22	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Winter Wheat - Harvested	1	N/A	N/A	N/A						
For grain										
Soybeans – Planted	68	60	59	57						
Soybeans – Emerged	50	36	41	37						

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