



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRY CONDITIONS PREVAIL

Tennessee experienced mostly dry weather last week. Dry conditions have allowed for ample fieldwork, and harvest has forged ahead for all crops. Corn and early planted soybean yields continue to be strong with the former nearing harvest completion. Producers have started focusing more heavily on cotton with yields looking good as well. While dry weather has aided in the harvest activities, many producers have yet to get winter wheat and cover crops in the ground. Forage growth is drying up with fall pasture and hay reseeding being delayed. Many livestock producers are already feeding hay. Pastures need more precipitation to aid in reseeding and recovery as we head into winter. Most of the state remains in the abnormally dry category with some regions along the southern border entering D1 moderate drought status according to last week’s state drought monitor. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 13 percent very short, 43 percent short, 43 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 11 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 48 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Item	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Mature	98	97	100	100	Cotton	5	5	15	56	19
Corn – Harvested	83	71	88	85	Corn	0	5	17	59	19
Cotton – Bolls Opening	91	85	91	92	Soybeans	1	4	17	59	19
Cotton – Harvested	25	15	29	32	Pasture	4	17	43	34	2
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	92	83	92	89	Winter Wheat	1	2	21	57	19
Soybeans – Harvested	46	37	44	42	Cattle	1	2	23	62	12
Tobacco – Cut	95	93	94	-	Hay	2	6	29	55	8
Winter Wheat – Planted	26	16	28	30						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	9	4	10	14						

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