



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending October 22, 2023

RAINS NEEDED ACROSS THE STATE

Tennessee experienced mostly below normal precipitation and temperatures last week. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.7 out of a possible seven. Topsoil moisture was 19% very short, 45% short, and 36% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 16% very short, 44% short, and 40% adequate. As of October 17, the state was in Abnormally dry to Severe Drought conditions. Primary activities this week included harvesting grain and cotton and seeding winter wheat. Another week of dry weather has allowed for grain and cotton harvests to progress steadily. However, the dry weather has hampered small grain and fall hay seedings. Pasture conditions declined this week, with conditions remaining in mostly good to fair condition. Numerous livestock producers have started feeding hay to supplement.

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Weather and rainfall data have been discontinued.*

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Item	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Harvested	88	83	93	91	Cotton	5	5	14	55	21
Cotton – Bolls Opening	96	91	96	95	Soybeans	2	4	19	58	17
Cotton – Harvested	43	25	48	45	Pasture	6	18	45	29	2
Soybeans – Harvested	60	46	59	53	Winter Wheat	5	5	24	53	13
Winter Wheat – Planted	35	26	44	43						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	13	9	19	22						