



Tennessee Crop Weather

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EXTREMELY DRY

Tennessee continued to experience dry weather and moderately warm temperatures across the state last week. Pastures and fields have dried up, with the only moisture received from morning dew and a few short, isolated showers. Corn harvest has mostly wrapped up with cotton and soybeans following close behind. Dry field conditions are leading many producers to forego winter wheat planting and pasture reseeding this year. Livestock producers are feeding hay, and many are looking into alternative watering sources for cattle and pastures. The southern regions of the state are in the D3 extreme drought status with the central and northern reaches falling in moderate D1 to severe D2 drought as well according to this week’s state drought monitor. Tennessee desperately needs moisture as we head into the post-harvest season. Statewide, there were 5.1 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 29 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 39 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was 26 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 42 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Item	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Harvested	96	92	99	97	Pasture	20	29	35	15	1
Cotton – Bolls Opening	99	98	100	99	Winter Wheat	7	6	29	46	12
Cotton – Harvested	76	62	73	66						
Soybeans – Harvested	80	73	79	70						
Winter Wheat – Planted	63	49	78	68						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	38	25	53	48						

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