



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 22, 2022

A HOT, DRY WEEK

In West Tennessee, farmers took advantage of the hot, dry conditions to catch up on planting row crops, while livestock producers were busy cutting hay. In Middle Tennessee, a combination of heat, wind, and lack of rain resulted in a precipitous drop in soil moisture. This caused some corn fields and pastures to show signs of drought stress. Livestock producers made excellent progress cutting hay, but reported reduced yields due to the dry conditions. In East Tennessee, the hot, dry weather also caused concern among farmers, with newly planted crops showing signs of stress. Livestock producers began wrapping up their first cutting of hay. There were 6.1 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 22 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

| CROP PROGRESS | This Week | Last Week | 2021 | 5 Year Avg. | CONDITION | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | | | | | Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| | Percent | | | | | Percent | | | | |
| Corn – Planted | 93 | 84 | 93 | 91 | Pasture | 1 | 9 | 38 | 47 | 5 |
| Corn – Emerged | 67 | 48 | 76 | 77 | Winter Wheat | 2 | 5 | 35 | 42 | 16 |
| Cotton – Planted | 78 | 49 | 63 | 63 | | | | | | |
| Soybeans – Planted | 53 | 36 | 53 | 44 | | | | | | |
| Soybeans – Emerged | 30 | 16 | 31 | 23 | | | | | | |
| Winter Wheat – Headed | 96 | 92 | 96 | 98 | | | | | | |
| Winter Wheat – Coloring | 48 | 7 | 35 | 40 | | | | | | |