



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## HOT AND DRY

Tennessee experienced a heat wave across most of the state last week with temperatures hovering in the 90s and even reaching 100 degrees in some areas. The week was mostly dry with a few scattered storms moving in over the weekend. Dry weather gave producers ample opportunity to continue baling and putting up hay as well as begin harvesting corn for silage. Corn and soybeans are looking good, though the latter could use a bit more rainfall to finish out the season. Overall crop conditions and soil moisture remain adequate as we head into the harvest season. Statewide, there were 6.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 82 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 – Dough	97	95	96	97	Cotton	1	4	15	65	15
Corn - Dented	82	71	77	78	Corn	1	6	18	56	19
Corn – Mature	32	15	25	23	Soybeans	0	3	20	58	19
Corn – Harvested	1	n/a	2	1	Tobacco	4	8	15	48	25
Cotton – Setting Bolls	98	96	97	97	Pasture	2	5	25	57	11
Cotton – Bolls Opening	13	8	12	12						
Soybeans – Blooming	96	94	99	98						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	88	83	90	89						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	10	2	7	6						
Tobacco – Topped	92	85	96	n/a						
Tobacco – Cut	29	16	32	n/a						

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