



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FAVORABLE WEATHER CONTINUES FOR HARVEST

Tennessee has continued to see mostly dry weather with just a few pockets of precipitation across the state. Most counties are pushing along with corn harvest while others are waiting for moisture levels to dry down before continuing. Soybean and cotton harvest has started as well, though many areas in the western region of the state could really use a bit of rain to push crops to maturity. Tobacco harvest is nearing completion, though some stands of dark fire tobacco have been hit with disease, reducing quality and yields. Hay cutting and baling has continued, and new stands of forages are being planted. Winter wheat seeding has also began following corn and bean harvests. Overall hay condition and quality has been decent, though some producers report reduced yields coming out of the summer, causing some concern for cattle producers as we head towards winter. Overall, mild temperatures and good soil moisture prevail as harvest season kicks into full swing. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 30 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 24 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Item	This Week	Last Week	2022	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn - Dented	97	96	97	98	Cotton	5	6	17	53	19
Corn – Mature	80	64	74	78	Corn	1	6	17	58	18
Corn – Harvested	26	12	25	32	Soybeans	2	5	17	57	19
Cotton – Bolls Opening	42	30	44	47	Tobacco	4	8	18	47	23
Cotton – Harvested	2	1	1	1	Pasture	2	6	27	56	9
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	46	28	42	39	Cattle	1	2	16	68	13
Soybeans – Harvested	11	2	5	7	Hay	1	4	25	58	12
Tobacco – Cut	64	55	76	74						
Winter Wheat – Planted	1	-	4	4						

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