



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DRY CONDITIONS PREVAIL – HARVEST MARCHES ON

Tennessee experienced mostly dry weather last week, though pockets in the central region of the state received a bit of rainfall with some areas reporting nearly 2 inches. The remainder of the central and western reaches of the state have entered the abnormally dry category according to last week’s drought monitor. Dry weather has allowed for ample fieldwork. As corn harvest progresses, producers are beginning to switch gears to focus on soybeans and cotton. Corn and early planted soybean yields are coming in strong, though late planted beans could use a bit more rainfall to push through the end of the season. Livestock producers are hopeful for rain as well to help replenish pasture soil and get a bit more forage growth before heading into the winter season. Statewide, there were 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 11 percent very short, 43 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 8 percent very short, 36 percent short, 55 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 – Mature	96	91	95	96	Cotton	6	7	18	54	15
Corn – Harvested	58	46	61	62	Corn	1	6	18	56	19
Cotton – Bolls Opening	77	65	67	75	Soybeans	2	5	17	59	17
Cotton – Harvested	5	3	5	9	Pasture	3	9	37	47	4
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	73	62	72	67						
Soybeans – Harvested	29	17	20	20						
Tobacco – Cut	84	75	85	90						
Winter Wheat – Planted	9	4	11	11						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	1	0	5	5						

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