



Tennessee Crop Weather

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DRIER WEATHER AIDS PLANTING

In West Tennessee, producers made progress planting corn, cotton, and soybeans in drier areas. They were still waiting for low-lying areas to dry, however. Farmers were also busy applying herbicides and fertilizer to emerged crops. In Middle Tennessee, producers were also busy planting field crops. A few producers started their first cuttings of hay, even though conditions were less than ideal. Some livestock producers reported lower hay yields and poorer pasture quality due to the recent cold snap. Very little significant damage was reported, though. In East Tennessee, the cutting and baling of hay was the main activity. The condition of vegetable crops improved with warmer, drier weather. Unfortunately, the warmer temperatures came too late for some vegetable producers whose crops sustained damage during the previous week's cold. There were 4.5 days suitable for field work. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	79	67	83	91	Pasture	0	5	27	55	13
Corn – Emerged	60	44	68	73	Winter Wheat	2	3	34	47	14
Cotton - Planted	23	10	46	53						
Soybeans – Planted	29	20	28	34						
Soybeans - Emerged	14	6	11	12						
Wheat - Headed	99	92	96	96						
Wheat - Coloring	16	N/A	24	N/A						

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