



Tennessee Crop Weather

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RAIN SHOWERS DELAY FIELDWORK

Tennessee experienced variable rain and thundershowers this week, with counties to the far east mostly staying dry. Rain and muddy conditions delayed planting in some regions, though corn, soybean, and cotton planting are still progressing. Rainy conditions also inhibited first cutting and baling of hay as producers wait for fields to dry out. First cutting hay quality remains a concern following the dry fall and winter seasons. Overall, producers report winter wheat stands are looking very good and are hopeful for high yields this season. Corn and beans that are in the ground are starting to emerge and looking good as well. Statewide, there were 4.2 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, and 79 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Item	This Week	Last Week	2023	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Corn – Planted	65	49	74	64	Pasture	1	5	26	57	11
Corn – Emerged	32	18	37	33	Winter Wheat	1	6	14	54	25
Cotton – Planted	16	5	12	8	Hay	2	4	28	55	11
Soybeans – Planted	38	28	34	18						
Soybeans – Emerged	12	-	6	3						
Winter Wheat – Jointing	96	92	96	-						
Winter Wheat – Headed	83	60	78	76						

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