



Tennessee Crop Weather

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ANOTHER WET WEEK BRINGS SLOW PROGRESS

Tennessee received another week marked by rain, with windy and wet conditions prevailing, thus continuing to delay fieldwork progress. In between rain showers, producers are hard at work finishing corn, cotton, and soybean planting. The earlier planted corn is growing quickly with the favorable moisture. Similarly, pastures and hay fields continue to look good after all the precipitation this spring, though some producers are growing frustrated waiting for dry conditions to cut and bale hay. Winter wheat is almost fully headed and quickly maturing as well. While adequate rainfall is a welcome change from the long drought last year, a bit of dry weather is sorely needed to wrap up spring planting efforts. Statewide, there were 2.5 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was 3 percent short, and 64 percent adequate, and 33 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	83	73	92	87	Pasture	1	3	22	62	12
Corn – Emerged	62	45	75	68	Winter Wheat	1	4	15	59	21
Cotton – Planted	52	28	56	49						
Cotton – Squaring	1	-	1	0						
Soybeans – Planted	53	46	57	42						
Soybeans – Emerged	34	25	32	22						
Winter Wheat – Headed	93	89	96	96						
Winter Wheat - Coloring	45	7	27	26						

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