



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Wet & Cold Weather Delays Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 7, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	16	14	58	41
Cotton Planted	1	N/A	4	1
Winter Wheat Headed	13	6	56	15

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	32	67	1
Cotton	0	0	71	29	0
Winter Wheat	0	3	29	58	10
Livestock	0	3	21	68	8
Pasture & Range	1	10	37	49	3

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short Adequate Surplus		
		Percent			
District 10	3.5	0	0	73	27
District 20	3.0	0	0	64	36
District 30	4.2	0	0	54	46
District 40	5.2	0	0	96	4
District 50	5.2	0	2	92	6
District 60	4.9	0	9	84	7
State: Current Week	4.2	0	2	76	22
State: Previous	4.7	0	2	79	19

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 51.9 F in Crossville, to 61.4 F in Brewton; total precipitation ranged from 0.18 inches in Montgomery, to 1.72 inches in Coden. Susan Minor, FSA CED, stated producers in Morgan County still had excess water in their fields due to heavy rains received last month. David Derrick, ACES REA, reported very little field work was done in many counties throughout North Alabama due to cold and wet conditions. Gregory Key, FSA CED, said temperatures have been cooler than normal with light to heavy frost in Etowah and St. Clair

Counties. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, confirmed Fayette County was still wet and cold. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County received good rains. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported producers in Bibb and Perry Counties were unable to get in the field due to surplus moisture. The threat of heavy rainfall and cooler than normal temperatures caused a delay in field work in Houston County, said Willie Durr, ACES CEC. Additionally, Durr stated crops were generally behind schedule compared to last year.

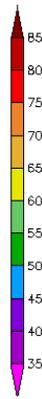
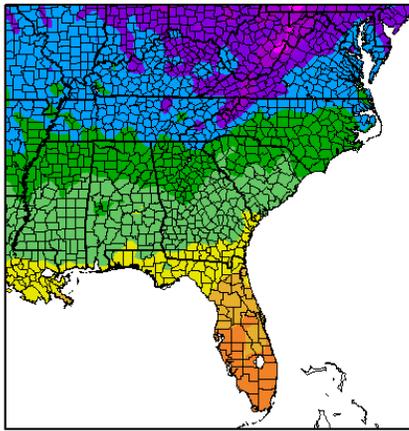
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed corn planting will start as soon as fields dry in Marion and Winston Counties. Minor reported no cotton, corn, or soybeans were planted at this time in Morgan County. Donald Mann, FSA CED, stated that less than one percent of corn has been planted compared to over 30 percent last year in Jackson County due to wet and cold conditions. Greg Key stated producers were calibrating their equipment and have planted only a few acres of corn. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties experienced below normal temperatures that further delayed corn planting.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: William Rogers, FSA PT, reported winter wheat was in good condition, and pastures were recovering from winter in Lawrence County. Malone said winter wheat was looking good so far, and hay and pastures were starting to green. Susan Minor said wheat was in good condition. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said adequate weather aided farmers with pasture chores including fertilizing and spraying weeds throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Cool weather during the week may have slowed the green up of warm season forages but most seem to be progressing fine, reported Dorough. Key stated pastures and the wheat crop were in good condition. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties needed a good stretch of warm weather to enhance the growth of bermuda, bahiagrass and crabgrass. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said producers in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties were looking forward to warmer weather so that grass will grow. Headley stated the wheat crop and grazing was looking good.

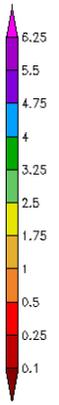
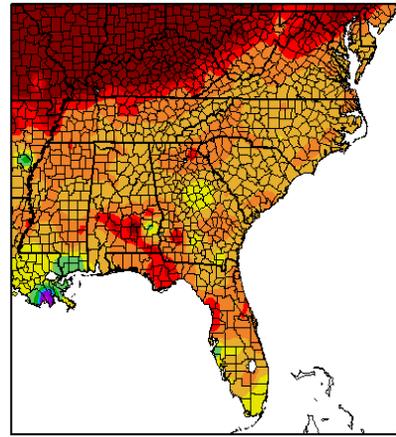
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Temperature (F)
4/1/2013 - 4/7/2013



Precipitation (in)
4/1/2013 - 4/7/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 2, 2013

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.22	5.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03/26/2013 map)	94.59	5.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/01/2013 map)	40.07	59.93	33.67	19.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	40.07	59.93	33.67	19.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (03/27/2012 map)	57.87	42.13	32.96	24.67	16.85	3.98

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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