

# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Wet Conditions Prevail

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 14, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	31	16	73	57
Cotton Planted	2	1	6	2
Winter Wheat Headed	18	13	76	24
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	44	55	1
Cotton	0	0	39	61	0
Winter Wheat	0	1	23	64	12
Livestock	1	3	19	68	9
Pasture & Range	1	8	36	49	6

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short Adequate Surplus		
		Percent			
District 10	4.9	0	0	79	21
District 20	3.6	0	0	58	42
District 30	4.7	0	0	51	49
District 40	5.4	0	0	72	28
District 50	5.1	0	9	74	17
District 60	5.4	6	15	68	11
State: Current Week	4.7	1	3	68	28
State: Previous	4.2	0	2	76	22

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

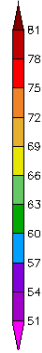
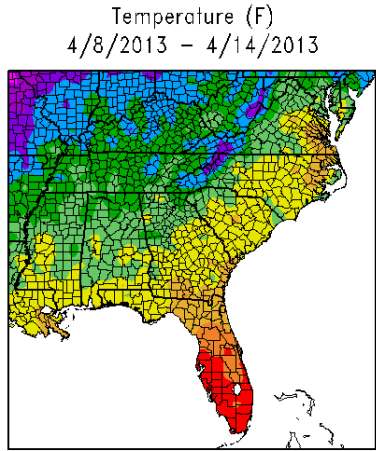
**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 61.6 F in Scottsboro, to 67.4 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.87 inches in Huntsville, to 3.38 inches in Evergreen. William Rogers, FSA PT, reported conditions in Lawrence County have improved due to recent rains and warmer temperatures. Carol Gay, FSA CED, confirmed Randolph and Clay Counties received, respectfully, 2.89 and 1.36 inches of rainfall this past week. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, stated Fayette County was still too wet. James Jones, Jr. reported Henry County was dry and needed some rainfall.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Tim Malone, FSA CED, stated corn planting in Marion County has been hindered by wet conditions with only 40 to 50 acres planted so far. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed many producers in Jackson County were waiting on drier weather to plant corn. BeLinda Woods, FSA PT, stated farmers in Marshall County planned to start planting corn next week if fields were dry. Greg Key, FSA CED, stated 50 percent of corn in Etowah and St. Clair Counties were planted; however, wet conditions have slowed progress. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported producers in Bibb and Perry Counties were having difficulty preparing fields for spring planting due to wet conditions.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Rogers said the wheat crop was on track for a very good yield, and pastures were starting to show growth. Most farmers were trying to get their chicken litter spread, and winter wheat was in good condition, said Malone. Additionally, Malone reported livestock producers were having difficulty applying fertilizer on their pastures and hayfields. Woods reported burn-down and fertilization were going strong throughout Marshall County. With cooler and wetter than normal temperatures, warm season grasses were not growing much at this time, stated Key. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed warmer weather enabled pastures and hayfields to improve substantially this week throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Dorough also said rainfall following fertility practices should help forages to improve significantly in the coming days. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated pastures with winter grazing were good, and pastures with bermuda and bahia were still not productive throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties. Anthony Wiggins, ACES REA, said recent rains should continue to boost winter grazing throughout Baldwin, Butler, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington Counties. Due to warmer temperatures in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties, grass was beginning to take off and cattle was doing well, reported Brenda Glover, ACES REA. Headley confirmed pastures were looking good due to recent rains and moderate temperatures. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County needed rain, and winter and spring grazing was in good condition. Jones, Jr. stated pastures were growing nicely.

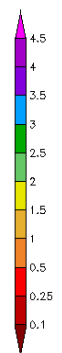
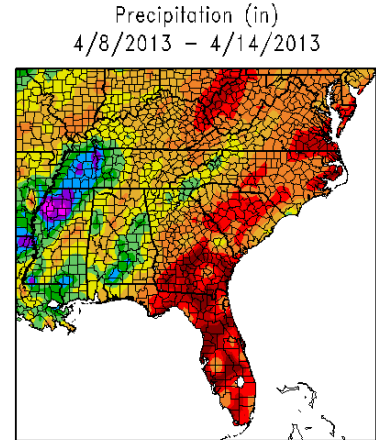
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, April 9, 2013

National Weather Service

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

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.01	8.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/02/2013 map)	94.22	5.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/08/2013 map)	39.94	60.06	33.67	19.42	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 (04/03/2012 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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