



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Excessive Rain Hampers Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 28, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	70	51	92	84
Corn Emerged	40	N/A	79	63
Cotton Planted	15	9	23	15
Peanuts Planted	0	N/A	9	4
Soybeans Planted	3	1	10	8
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	8	N/A	0	0
Winter Wheat Headed	45	25	92	53

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	0	5	46	48	1
Cotton	0	0	24	76	0
Peanuts	0	0	100	0	0
Soybeans	0	0	58	42	0
Winter Wheat	0	1	24	63	12
Livestock	0	1	17	72	10
Pasture & Range	0	3	31	56	10

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	4.0	0	0	89	11
District 20	3.5	0	0	48	52
District 30	5.5	0	0	50	50
District 40	6.0	0	0	88	12
District 50	6.1	0	0	86	14
District 60	5.7	0	4	87	9
State: Current Week	5.0	0	1	75	24
State: Previous	4.3	0	1	66	33

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 56.0 F in Hamilton, to 67.4 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.06 inches in Montgomery, to 3.80 inches in Crossville. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed Jackson County received over two inches of rains this weekend, which caused another

setback for farmers who were already behind in planting. With additional rains forecasted this upcoming week, this year's crops planting were not looking too bright. Greg Key, FSA CED, stated weather in Etowah and St. Clair County continues to be cooler and wetter than normal, with good chances of rains in the forecast. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Randolph and Clay County received .2 and .1 inch of rain, respectively. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, confirmed weekend rains over Coosa and Tallapoosa County measured over one inch. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed good drying conditions enabled many producers to get a lot of field work done.

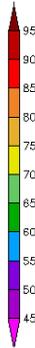
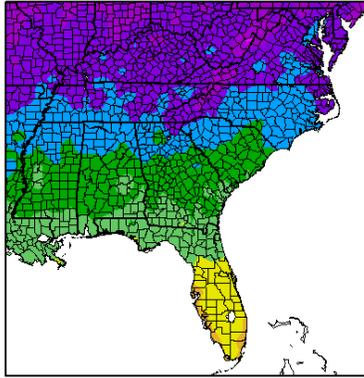
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, stated farmers in Marion and Winston County were exceedingly behind schedule on corn planting due to excess rains. Some fields have already been planted for the second time but may have to be replanted again, said Malone. Additionally, Malone reported if fields do not dry soon, farmers that plan on planting corn will switch to soybeans. Susan Minor, FSA CED, confirmed good progress was made with corn being planting this week in Morgan County; however, there has not been much progress with soybeans and cotton plantings due to cool and wet weather. Key said producers that typically plant corn will not plant any this year if fields do not dry quickly. Smith stated corn planting was nearly complete with most cotton growers looking for drier and warmer conditions to get started. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed Perry County continued to receive rains, and some producers have filed prevented planting. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, said soils were warming up in Henry County, and a little cotton was planted this week. Peanut planting will begin next week, stated Jones, Jr.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: James Reeder, FSA PT, reported the wheat crop looked real good, and pastures were improving in Lawrence County. Malone said producers were concerned about possible damage to the wheat crop caused by excess rains. Mann stated pastures and livestock were in good condition, and the wheat crop was showing signs of disease and yellowing from excessive moisture. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated warm temperatures and plenty of moisture has forages growing well in most areas throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Dorough reported some hay was provided in a limited number of cases, but livestock were clearly receiving the majority of dry matter from growing forages. Key said cool season grasses were thriving in current conditions. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, reported cool night temperatures were still hurting the maximum growth of summer forages, while cool season forages were doing well throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties. Joe Capps, FSA CED, stated most cattlemen in Macon and Russell County were still feeding hay. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated Covington County needed rain, and hay was getting short.

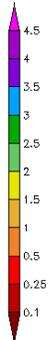
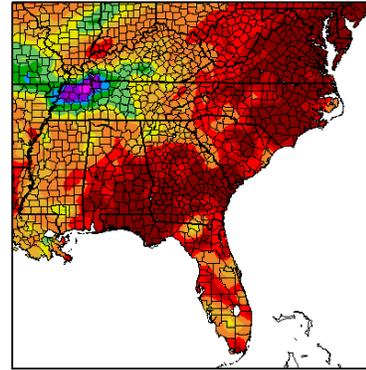
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Temperature (F)
4/22/2013 - 4/28/2013



Precipitation (in)
4/22/2013 - 4/28/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 23, 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	95.96	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/16/2013 map)	95.49	4.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/22/2013 map)	43.32	56.68	30.61	16.92	6.99	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 (04/17/2012 map)	47.98	52.02	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.99

Intensity:

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



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