



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Cool & Wet Conditions Hinder Crop Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 5, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	82	70	96	90
Corn Emerged	55	40	89	75
Cotton Planted	26	15	46	32
Peanuts Planted	3	0	34	15
Soybeans Planted	5	3	25	16
Soybeans Emerged	1	N/A	11	5
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	10	8	52	26
Winter Wheat Headed	67	45	96	68

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	0	9	34	55	2
Cotton	0	1	23	76	0
Peanuts	0	0	67	33	0
Soybeans	0	0	44	56	0
Winter Wheat	0	4	24	61	11
Livestock	0	1	12	72	15
Pasture & Range	0	2	19	67	12

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	3.8	0	0	83	17
District 20	3.0	0	0	30	70
District 30	4.2	0	0	38	62
District 40	4.7	0	0	61	39
District 50	4.4	0	0	71	29
District 60	4.2	0	0	77	23
State: Current Week	4.0	0	0	62	38
State: Previous	5.0	0	1	75	24

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 59.6 F in Centreville, to 67.5 F in Brewton; total precipitation ranged from 1.14 inches in Brewton, to 7.39 inches in Mobile. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, confirmed rain and cool weather

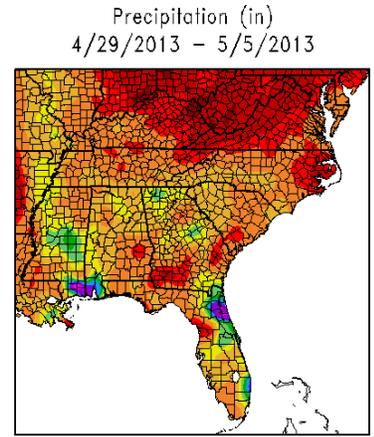
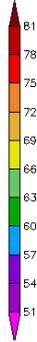
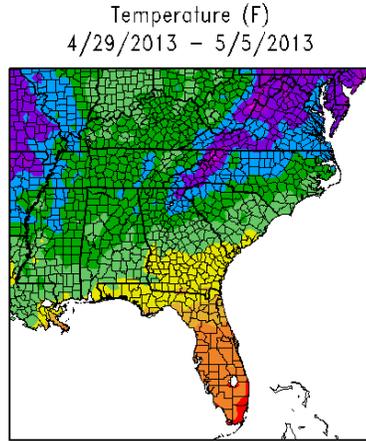
kept most producers out the field this week throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported crops were hurting from excessive rains in Jackson County. Greg Key, FSA CED, said Etowah and St. Clair County experienced another cool and damp week. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated Randolph and Clay County continued to receive ample rain throughout the week. Randolph said grounds were saturated to the point that fieldwork was difficult or unmanageable. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, confirmed conditions were extremely wet in Dallas and Lowndes County, and both counties needed some dry weather to start planting. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties received lots of rain along with cool temperatures. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said wet conditions persisted throughout Bibb and Perry County. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, stated Mobile County received over 10 inches of rain, which caused some flooding and delayed planting. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed cool and wet conditions kept farmers out of the fields most of the week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed cold and wet conditions were hindering crops and crop plantings in Marion and Winston County. Susan Minor, FSA CED, stated wheat was heading out, and corn continued to look good in Morgan County. Soybeans were being planted, said Minor. David Derrick, ACES REA, reported some farmers were considering shifting acres to other crops due to wet soils delaying corn planting throughout Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Key confirmed farmers expected to shift 25 percent of intended corn acreage to either cotton or soybeans. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, said he wish he hadn't planted so much cotton. James Jones, Jr. ACES CEC, confirmed wheat was in good condition, and peanut and cotton plantings were underway in Henry County. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, confirmed the wheat crop in Madison County was in much need of warmer and dryer weather. The cool weather has created a situation of applying weekly application of fungicide to maintain quality, said Atkinson. Additionally, Atkinson noted this year's wheat crop would be expensive before producers get it out of the field. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated warmer and dryer weather at the beginning of the week in Elmore and Tallapoosa County gave producers a chance to get some cotton planted and field preparation done; however, cool and wet conditions halted field work towards the end of the week.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Charles Simon, ACES CEC, reported cooler weather has slowed summer grass emergence, and hay is still being fed in Covington County. Durr reported some cattle producers took advantage and fertilized pastures and hay fields earlier in the week. Glover stated continued moisture and warmer temperatures were needed for grass to grow. Dorrough said cool season forages were still holding strong, while warm season forages appeared to be held back by cool temperatures.

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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 30, 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 (04/23/2013 map)	95.96	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/29/2013 map)	43.32	56.68	33.35	21.94	8.03	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 (04/24/2012 map)	40.85	59.15	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.99

Intensity:

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

