

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Delays Planting As Crop Insurance Deadline Nears

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 12, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	87	82	99	95
Corn Emerged	68	55	94	83
Cotton Planted	34	26	65	51
Peanuts Planted	9	3	57	30
Soybeans Planted	9	5	31	24
Soybeans Emerged	4	1	18	11
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	16	10	65	38
Winter Wheat Headed	80	67	96	89
Winter Wheat Harvested	0	N/A	7	1

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	9	35	55	1
Cotton	0	1	59	40	0
Peanuts	0	0	92	8	0
Soybeans	0	9	56	35	0
Winter Wheat	0	2	25	65	8
Livestock	0	1	13	70	16
Pasture & Range	0	2	19	65	14

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	1.8	0	0	59	41
District 20	2.5	0	0	24	76
District 30	4.6	0	0	47	53
District 40	5.5	0	2	87	11
District 50	5.6	0	1	77	22
District 60	5.9	2	7	77	14
State: Current Week	4.1	0	2	59	39
State: Previous	4.0	0	0	62	38

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 60.3 F in Crossville and Opelika, to 66.7 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Enterprise and Opelika, to 2.07 inches in

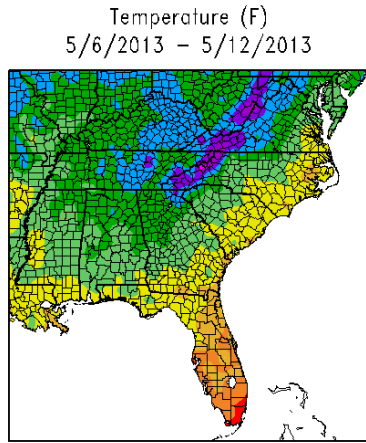
Crossville. Shane Seay, FSA CED, reported large amounts of rainfall in Limestone County caused fieldwork to crawl to a complete stop. David Derrick, ACES REA, said it was still too wet to plant throughout Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, reported cool and wet weather hindered many farm activities this week throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Gregory Key, FSA CED, confirmed fields were extremely wet after some areas within Etowah and St. Clair County received up to 8 inches of rain. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated Clay and Randolph County received nearly .4 and 1 inch of rainfall this past week, respectively. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, stated wet and cool conditions still persist in Fayette County. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed temperatures have been unseasonably cool, but warmer weather was on the way in Bibb and Perry County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Seay said fertilizer has been depleted due to excess water, and cool temperatures caused plantings to be slow about emerging. Tim Malone, FSA CED, stated producers in Marion and Winston County needed to plant corn and cotton this week to meet crop insurance deadline on May 15 and May 20, respectively. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported more rain on Friday and Saturday further delayed corn, cotton and soybean plantings in Jackson County. Mann stated there will be thousands of acres of prevented planting certified for corn and cotton as wet field conditions were preventing most farmers to meet the crop insurance deadline. Additionally, Mann said many producers were already returning and expecting to replace corn seed with soybean. The wheat crop was in dire need of some drier weather, added Mann. According to Key, May 15 is the crop insurance deadline for corn, and producers are considering filing prevented planting and leaving the land idle for this year. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, confirmed many producers in Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties were waiting for warmer weather to plant cotton, soybeans and peanuts. Smith noted earlier planted cotton was struggling to get out of the ground due to cool weather. Headley said corn that was planted was in good condition; however, some producers were not able to get their corn planted due to extremely wet conditions. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed plantings of peanuts and cotton was in full swing in Houston County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Dorough said some producers managed to cut hay and hoped to bale prior to the next rains. The extended cool and moist conditions benefited cool season forages but were hindering warm season grasses from gaining ground, stated Dorough. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said hay was still being fed to cattle in Macon and Russell County. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported areas throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties needed warmer temperatures for grass to grow for hay and pastures. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, said Henry County needed some moisture for plantings to continue this week. Cattle were in good to excellent condition due to timely rainfall, stated Durr. Pastures were generally in good condition with hay producers awaiting dry weather for their first hay cutting, said Smith.

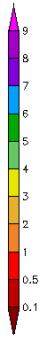
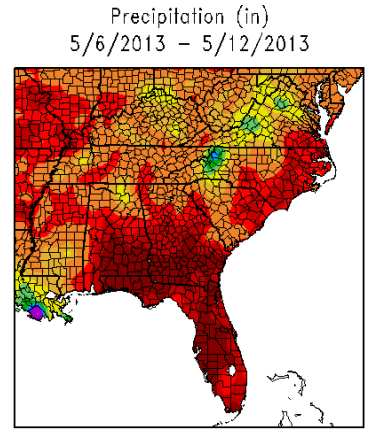
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/30/2013 map)	95.96	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/05/2013 map)	47.93	52.07	31.83	20.30	4.00	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 (05/01/2012 map)	8.31	91.69	59.70	31.67	24.68	2.99

Intensity:

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



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