



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Planting Hampered By Wet Conditions

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 19, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	96	87	100	98
Corn Emerged	81	68	99	91
Cotton Planted	67	34	82	69
Peanuts Planted	24	9	69	46
Soybeans Planted	16	9	43	36
Soybeans Emerged	8	4	30	21
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	30	16	78	50
Winter Wheat Headed	90	80	99	94
Winter Wheat Harvested	0	0	15	4

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	0	7	35	56	2
Cotton	0	9	55	35	1
Peanuts	0	0	50	50	0
Soybeans	0	4	40	56	0
Winter Wheat	0	2	28	62	8
Livestock	0	1	13	71	15
Pasture & Range	0	2	16	66	16

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	5.2	0	0	85	15
District 20	4.6	0	0	59	41
District 30	5.0	0	0	48	52
District 40	6.7	0	9	84	7
District 50	6.5	0	8	77	15
District 60	6.8	0	28	67	5
State: Current Week	5.7	0	7	71	22
State: Previous	4.1	0	2	59	39

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 66.1 F in Centreville, to 72.4 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in many areas, to 4.58 inches in

Anniston. Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported farmers in Marion and Winston County had about three days this week to get in the field. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed it was just starting to get dry enough to start back planting in Jackson County when an additional two inches of rainfall was received over the weekend. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated temperatures were slightly warmer this week throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties; however, excessive rainfall in some parts of the region resulted in extensive flooding. Gregory Key, FSA CED, confirmed field work was at a slow pace in Etowah and St. Clair County, and tomato growers on Chandler Mountain have some plants set out. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported road and field damage in Clay and Randolph County as a result of two storms this weekend. Gay noted some cattle producers had to move their animals to higher ground, and there were reports of some low-lying areas being several feet underwater. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, stated crops in Autauga County needed some rainfall. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported scattered showers persisted this week, with heavier rains over parts of Tallapoosa County. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed temperatures in Bibb and Perry County were warming up quickly. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, reported some areas in Covington County received rains Saturday. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed scattered rains were not adequate for growing and emerging seeds in Houston County. Durr said rain was needed to sustain crops, pasture and livestock.

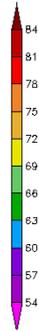
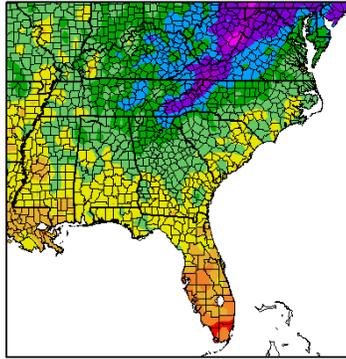
**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Malone said producers made progress on corn planting, but some has drowned out and will have to be replanted. Additionally, Malone stated a few acres of soybeans and cotton were planted this week. Mann noted the amount of corn and cotton acreage will be greatly reduced due to excessive wet conditions this spring. Several hay fields were observed underwater with round bales floating, said Dorough. Key reported some corn has been replanted, and a few acres of cotton have been planted. However, heavy rainfall over the weekend continued to prevent producers from getting field work done. Peanut and some soybean planting started this week, noted Smith. Headley stated the corn crop was looking good, and wheat was beginning to turn. Derek Bryan, ACES CEC, noted planting conditions in Crenshaw County were good, but corn could use some moisture.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Hay was looking good, but there have not been enough dry days in a row to get it dry, said Malone. Key stated a few acres of hay have been cut, but conditions have not been good for it to cure. Hay producers took advantage of a warm, mostly dry week and began the first cutting of hay, stated Smith. Headley reported pastures were greening and producing lots of vegetation.

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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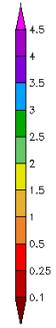
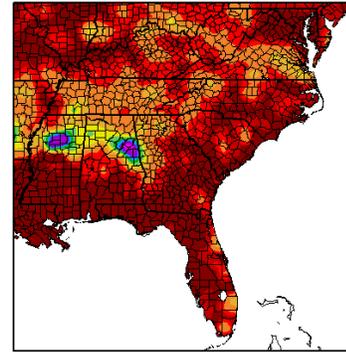
Temperature (F)  
5/13/2013 - 5/19/2013



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Precipitation (in)  
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, May 14, 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	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (05/07/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/12/2013 map)	64.84	35.16	18.53	3.92	0.00	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 (05/08/2012 map)	9.38	90.62	50.03	27.70	22.69	2.99

**Intensity:**

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



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