



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Warmer Temperatures Aid Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 26, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Emerged	92	81	100	96
Corn Silked	0	N/A	10	4
Cotton Planted	87	67	93	82
Peanuts Planted	63	24	81	63
Soybeans Planted	30	16	52	47
Soybeans Emerged	16	8	39	32
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	50	30	85	62
Winter Wheat Headed	99	90	100	90
Winter Wheat Harvested	4	0	27	11

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	1	6	39	52	2
Cotton	0	5	58	35	2
Peanuts	0	1	21	78	0
Soybeans	0	0	27	71	2
Winter Wheat	0	2	32	58	8
Livestock	0	1	13	70	16
Pasture & Range	0	4	20	60	16

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.3	0	0	94	6
District 20	4.9	0	1	76	23
District 30	5.7	0	3	62	35
District 40	6.7	7	30	60	3
District 50	6.9	0	20	74	6
District 60	6.5	7	40	51	2
State: Current Week	6.1	2	15	71	12
State: Previous	5.7	0	7	71	22

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 66.8 F in Gainesville, to 75.6 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in most areas, to 0.25 inches in

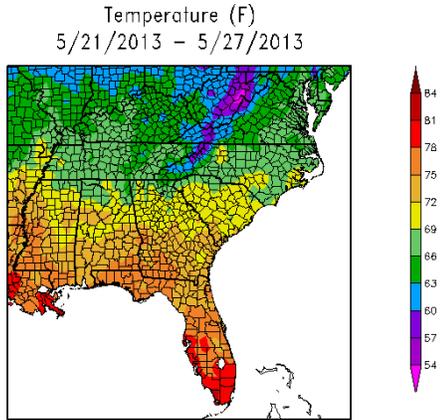
Hamilton. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, reported planting conditions were improving in Madison County. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said conditions were great for field work in Marion and Winston County. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported Clay and Randolph County received flash flooding, and some crops in that area may be 75 percent lost. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, confirmed it has been over three weeks since any beneficial rain in Autauga County. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed temperatures were warmer compared to previous weeks, and crops were in good condition in Bibb and Perry County. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said several producers in Conecuh County were concerned about their fields drying out. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated Covington County needed some rainfall. Derek Bryan, ACES CEC, reported dry conditions continue in Crenshaw County. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County was dry and needed rain. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed weather conditions were good for planting; however, Houston County was in need of rainfall. If dry weather conditions persist, planting will stop due to moisture concerns, stated Durr.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Atkinson said most crops were planted except for double cropped soybeans behind harvested wheat. The wheat crop has been expensive to maintain as producers mitigated potential diseases. Malone stated corn planting was complete and progress was made on soybean and cotton planting. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported a lot of corn was planted this week in Jackson County, and most farmers chose to plant late instead of filing for prevented planting. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said some cotton has to be replanted in Chambers and Lee County. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated dry weather allowed the remainder of cotton and peanuts to be planted, and soybeans planting will be completed later this week in Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties. Winter wheat was drying up and harvest should begin in the next two weeks, said Smith. Scattered rainfall earlier this week was good but not enough to ease heat stress on dryland corn and vegetables, reported Durr.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone confirmed a lot of hay was put on the ground this week and most of it has been rolled. Mann stated a lot of hay was harvested last week and more will be harvested this week. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated warmer weather has warm season forages growing, and a dry week aided hay harvest and field work throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed hay was being cut at a rapid pace and rain was needed throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties. Pastures were improving especially Bermuda and Bahia, said Tatum. The first cuttings of hay were producing high yields, confirmed Headley.

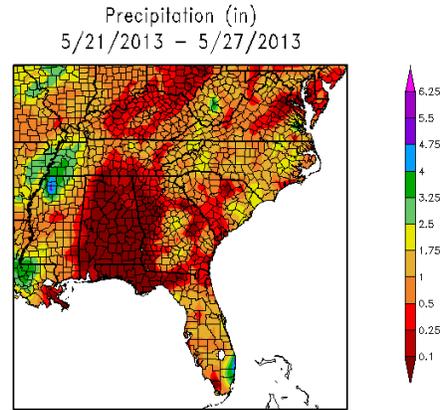
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U.S. Drought Monitor, May 21, 2013

National Weather Service

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.56	5.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (05/14/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/19/2013 map)	65.28	34.72	18.34	2.49	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 (05/15/2012 map)	15.49	84.51	48.25	27.66	21.89	2.85

Intensity:

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



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