



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



BILL WEAVER, STATE STATISTICIAN
USDA/NASS ALABAMA FIELD OFFICE

JOHN McMILLAN, COMMISSIONER
ALABAMA DEPT. OF AG. AND INDUSTRIES

PO Box 240578, Montgomery, AL 36124-0578 ☐ 1 (800) 832-4181

☐ RELEASED: June 3, 2013-- 3:00 P.M.

Visit our website at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/al>

Issue 10

Dry Conditions Slow Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 2, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Emerged	97	92	100	98
Corn Silked	1	0	25	11
Cotton Planted	96	87	98	89
Cotton Squaring	0	N/A	4	2
Peanuts Planted	81	63	93	77
Soybeans Planted	43	30	63	58
Soybeans Emerged	29	16	49	44
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	69	50	94	72
Winter Wheat Headed	99	99	100	95
Winter Wheat Harvested	11	4	47	22

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	34	61	2
Cotton	0	1	52	45	2
Peanuts	0	1	26	73	0
Soybeans	0	0	42	57	1
Winter Wheat	0	0	30	61	9
Livestock	0	1	12	65	22
Pasture & Range	1	5	19	55	20

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.4	0	7	90	3
District 20	6.8	0	1	95	4
District 30	6.2	0	9	71	20
District 40	7.0	19	52	29	0
District 50	6.0	11	43	46	0
District 60	6.8	18	62	20	0
State: Current Week	6.6	7	27	62	4
State: Previous	6.1	2	15	71	12

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 73.7 F in Crossville and Rock Mills, to 79.9 F in Montgomery; total

precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Birmingham and Montgomery, to 1.68 inches in Alexander City. Greg Key, FSA CED, stated Etowah and St. Clair County have not received any rainfall within the past 8 days. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported both Randolph and Clay County received over half an inch of rainfall this past week. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, confirmed this week was the first full week producers in Fayette County were able to work in the field. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, stated Autauga County has not received any meaningful rainfall for nearly a month. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, said Dallas and Lowndes County needed rain. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated dry weather and lack of rainfall was experienced throughout Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, reported Conecuh County was experiencing some extremely dry weather. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, stated most planting came to a halt last week due to dry weather and low moisture levels in Monroe County. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated Henry County was very dry. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County needed a good rainfall event. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, said most producers were irrigating more than normal to keep crops growing in Houston County.

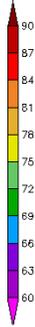
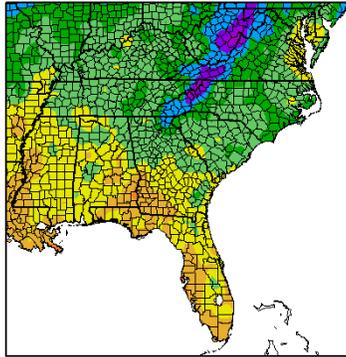
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, reported spring seeded crops could use a little water, and farmers in Madison County expected to start harvesting wheat within 10 days. Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed farmers made very good progress on planting cotton and soybeans this week. Malone stated much of the soybeans have been planted except double crop behind wheat, and wheat harvest will begin within 10 to 14 days if the weather permits. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported Jackson County received scarce rainfall, which allowed farmers to continue soybeans planting. Only a few isolated areas of the county will have June planted corn because farmers filed prevented planting, said Mann. Some corn and cotton acreage was replanted due to flooding, stated Key. Carol Gay said the corn crop was in good condition with the exception of the crops that were damaged from the flash flood two weeks ago. Moore said corn was on the verge of tasseling, but the crop was twisted and showing signs of drought. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported wheat harvest was behind schedule in Bibb and Perry County, but producers expect decent yields. Cotton has started to come up, and soybeans planting were underway, said Headley. Durr confirmed the recent extended period of dry weather caused a stoppage of cotton, peanuts and soybeans planting in Houston County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: William Rogers, FSA PT, stated early reports of hay yields were off by 10 to 15 percent in Lawrence County. Key reported hay harvest was underway with reports of very good yields. Hay cuttings were doing good, stated Gay. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed pastures and hayfields throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties need rainfall quickly. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, confirmed dry weather allowed hay harvesting to progress in Montgomery County. However, Smitherman noted livestock and forage were being affected by dry conditions. First cuttings of hay were looking good, and pastures were holding up at this time, stated Headley. Pastures were suffering from dry conditions, said McDonald.

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

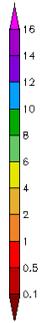
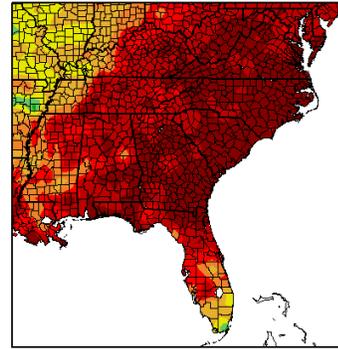
Temperature (F)
5/27/2013 - 6/2/2013



Generated 6/3/2013 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers

Precipitation (in)
5/27/2013 - 6/2/2013



Generated 6/3/2013 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers

U.S. Drought Monitor, May 28, 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	86.96	13.04	3.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (05/21/2013 map)	94.56	5.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/26/2013 map)	88.56	11.44	1.63	0.00	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 (05/22/2012 map)	15.46	84.54	48.25	27.03	20.67	2.85

Intensity:

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

