



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Scattered Showers Benefit Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 16, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Emerged	100	98	100	100
Corn Silked	14	9	59	43
Cotton Planted	99	98	100	97
Cotton Squaring	16	1	52	20
Peanuts Planted	92	89	99	91
Peanuts Pegged	2	N/A	27	8
Soybeans Planted	62	54	89	80
Soybeans Emerged	52	39	75	64
Hay Harvested - First Cutting	91	83	100	87
Winter Wheat Harvested	35	32	92	56

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	24	67	8
Cotton	0	1	31	66	2
Peanuts	0	1	23	76	0
Soybeans	0	1	20	78	1
Winter Wheat	0	1	15	67	17
Livestock	0	1	13	68	18
Pasture & Range	0	3	22	56	19

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.0	0	10	90	0
District 20	5.2	5	4	85	6
District 30	4.8	0	3	71	26
District 40	5.4	0	22	78	0
District 50	5.4	0	27	70	3
District 60	5.1	2	27	71	0
State: Current Week	5.3	2	13	80	5
State: Previous	4.8	2	21	68	9

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 76.3 F in Crossville, to 82.6 F in Brewton and Mobile; total

precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Russellville and Bankhead, to 2.35 inches in Haleyville. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said Chambers and Lee County were receiving plenty of rain. Carol Gay, FSA CED, confirmed Randolph and Clay County received scattered showers with a lot of thunder and lightning. Additionally, flash floods were producing a lot of water but were running off quickly, stated Randolph. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said most areas throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties received rainfall this Thursday night. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, stated Monroe County received much needed rainfall this week. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated a line of thunderstorms Monday morning brought an inch of rain to most parts of Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties, with Coosa County receiving little to no rain. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated more rain was needed throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated crops were still looking good as Bibb and Perry County receiving scattered showers this week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, reported the heat this week dealt some stress, especially to the corn crop in Madison County. Other than wheat, all other crops including pastures could use a little rainfall, said Atkinson. Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed wheat harvest started this week with reports of good yields in Marion and Winston County. Malone also stated there was water damage in almost every field, and cotton was starting to grow thanks to the warmer weather. Donald Mann, FSA CED, stated farmers got a good start on their wheat harvest last Friday and Saturday, but rain on Sunday put a stop to harvesting in Jackson County. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, reported treatments have started for Kudzu bugs in soybeans within Autauga County. Smith reported wheat harvest increased after fields dried from the rainfall, and producers reported soybeans and cotton were planned behind wheat. Producers have completed cotton planting, and soybeans were being planted said Headley. The rainfall was beneficial to most of the corn crop, and cotton and peanuts were looking good so far, said McDonald. Additionally, McDonald stated producers were in the final stages of harvesting wheat and intend to plant soybeans as soon as possible behind the wheat crop.

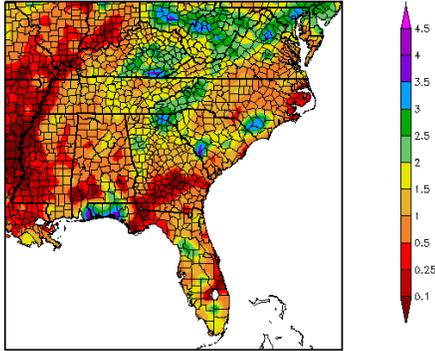
Pasture/Hay/Livestock: The first cutting of hay was nearing completion with reports of good yields. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said rainfall late in the week provided a much needed boost to forages throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Hay production was good in quantity but the quality was unsure due to hay getting wet before harvesting, stated Gay. Headley stated pastures were starting to get dry. Pastures also welcomed the rain and will hopefully improve from dry conditions, reported McDonald. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, reported Covington County was receiving beneficial rainfall, and pastures were growing and in good condition.

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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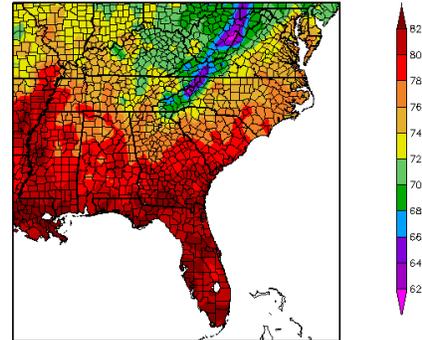
Precipitation (in)
6/10/2013 - 6/16/2013



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor, June 11, 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	73.53	26.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (06/04/2013 map)	68.64	31.36	4.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (03/12/2013 map)	93.63	6.37	0.00	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 (06/05/2012 map)	13.63	86.37	42.22	29.08	20.84	2.85

Intensity:

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

