



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Heavy Rainfall Delayed Field Activities

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 7, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	83	64	96	88
Corn Dough	38	19	61	37
Corn Dented	2	2	26	10
Cotton Squaring	82	65	85	64
Cotton Setting Bolls	5	2	23	16
Peanuts Pegged	55	34	59	31
Soybeans Emerged	92	88	99	90
Soybeans Blooming	15	14	37	24
Winter Wheat Harvested	98	97	100	90

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	12	71	16
Cotton	0	1	22	74	3
Peanuts	0	0	17	82	1
Soybeans	0	1	19	73	7
Winter Wheat	0	2	16	62	20
Livestock	0	1	14	65	20
Pasture & Range	0	1	10	61	28

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	3.1	0	5	67	28
District 20	3.0	0	1	11	88
District 30	2.1	0	0	52	48
District 40	3.5	0	1	74	25
District 50	5.4	0	27	40	33
District 60	2.2	0	2	34	64
State: Current Week	3.0	0	4	45	51
State: Previous	5.2	1	17	71	11

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 71.9 F in Haleyville, to 77.7 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.67 inches in Selma, to 8.87 inches in Geneva. Josh Ford,

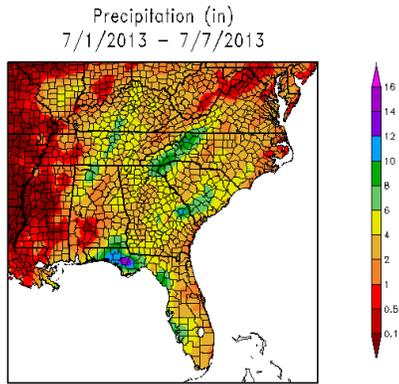
FSA PT, reported Lauderdale County experienced scattered, heavy rainfall over the past two weeks. Shane Seay, FSA CED, confirmed the majority of Limestone County received surplus rainfall on July 4, with some areas receiving more than six inches. Local area flooding occurred and caused many areas to be inaccessible, stated Seay. Tim Malone, FSA CED, stated Marion and Winston County received plenty of rain this week. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, reported Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties could use a few dry days. Greg Key, FSA CED, said crops in Etowah and St. Clair County were improving due to recent rainfall over the past four days. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, said Fayette County received a lot of rainfall and experienced some flash flooding. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, reported Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties received excessive rainfall, with some areas receiving over three inches in a matter of hours. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated Henry County received much rain this week. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, said Pike County received over five inches of rain this week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: There were a few producers still trying to harvest wheat and plant soybeans, said Ford. William Rogers, FSA PT, stated recent rains should improve corn conditions and help the crop develop quality ears in Lawrence County. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, confirmed hot and dry weather was needed for cotton, and wheat remaining in the field was drastically hurt due to heavy rainfall in Madison County. Most corn and soybeans crops were in good condition, said Atkinson. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, said kudzu bugs were expanding rapidly on soybeans. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, confirmed wet conditions throughout Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties prevented most field work and the planting of soybeans behind winter wheat.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Dorough said the surplus rainfall has well managed pastures and hayfields in excellent conditions, but the excessive rain was prohibiting a timely harvest for good quality hay. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, confirmed producers in Chambers and Lee County were not able to harvest wheat due to excessive rains. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported rainfall delayed all fieldwork in Randolph and Clay County, including hay harvest and plantings. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties were receiving lots of rain, but the rainfall was delaying the second cutting of hay. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County was getting an abundance of rain, but hay cuttings were at a standstill. Anthony Wiggins, ACES REA, confirmed recent rains should continue to keep pastures green and growing throughout Southwest Alabama. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated pastures were looking great in Bibb and Perry County. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, reported rainfall in Houston County delayed some field operations; however, the rain has been good for pastures and cattle.

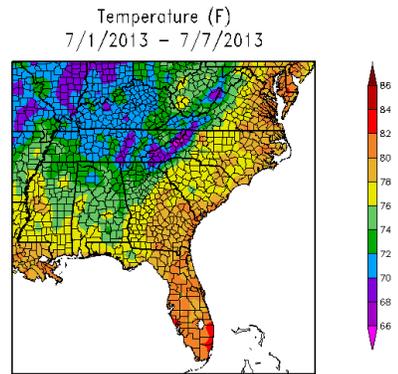
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U.S. Drought Monitor, July 2, 2013

National Weather Service

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.34	17.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (06/25/2013 map)	77.70	22.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/02/2013 map)	94.22	5.78	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 (06/26/2012 map)	11.31	88.69	46.73	20.59	13.78	1.08

Intensity:

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

