



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Excessive Rain Hampered Crop Growth

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 14, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	89	83	98	94
Corn Dough	58	38	72	51
Corn Dented	11	2	42	19
Cotton Squaring	90	82	90	75
Cotton Setting Bolls	17	5	37	29
Peanuts Pegged	59	55	67	39
Soybeans Emerged	98	92	100	95
Soybeans Blooming	29	15	66	40
Winter Wheat Harvested	99	98	100	93

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	1	13	55	30	
Cotton	0	29	65	1	
Peanuts	0	19	80	1	
Soybeans	0	23	64	12	
Winter Wheat	0	28	50	18	
Livestock	0	11	63	25	
Pasture & Range	0	11	56	31	

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	4.1	0	75	25	
District 20	2.3	0	36	63	
District 30	2.1	0	39	61	
District 40	1.2	0	32	68	
District 50	2.6	0	51	47	
District 60	1.4	0	33	67	
State: Current Week	2.2	0	42	57	
State: Previous	3.0	0	45	51	

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed Jackson County experienced major flooding along the Tennessee River. According to Mann, several thousands of acres will not be planted this year due to

the very wet planting season. Greg Key, FSA CED, reported Etowah and St. Clair County received rainfall everyday this past week, and producers were concerned about diseases in all major row crops. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated wet conditions prevailed throughout Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties causing much needed field work to be delayed. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported Bibb and Perry County have received rainfall almost every day this week, and crop conditions will deteriorate if rains persist. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated vegetable producers were concerned about the excess rains, and producers were also concerned about potential diseases on all crops in Henry County. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, reported excessive rainfall in Houston County was keeping row crop producers from spraying for diseases, and vegetable producers cannot get in the fields to harvest mature crops due to wet conditions.

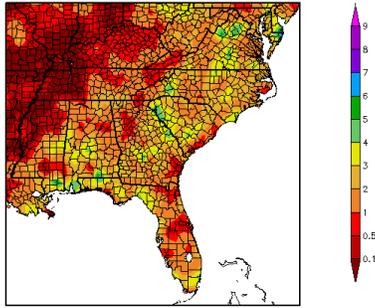
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, indicated the verdict was still out on spring seeded crops planted along the Paint Rock and Tennessee River due to the recent excessive rainfall. Atkinson stated the quality of wheat remaining in the field was deteriorating. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said the rain should improve the early corn crop, and cotton was growing but behind schedule in Marion and Winston County. Mann stated the wheat crop was in good condition, and the early corn crop looked good. Key said the corn crop was looking good, although some acres were replanted up to three times. Cotton was squaring, and producers were concerned that the grain may sprout before they finished harvesting wheat, said Key. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, indicated excessive rainfall caused producers in Chambers and Lee County to delay wheat harvest. Ricky Colquitt, FSA CED, reported growth regulator application was desperately needed on the cotton crop in Shelby County. Smith stated several preventive planting filings were received for soybeans behind wheat due to wet fields. Most fields were too wet to treat kudzu bugs in soybeans, said Smith. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, reported growth regulators will go out on cotton when the weather permits, and there were low numbers of plant bugs in cotton. Moore stated there were high numbers of green stink bugs in corn, and produces continued to see kudzu bugs in soybeans. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, confirmed excessive wet conditions in Mobile County have prevented soybean plantings.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone stated pastures were still looking good, and weather conditions have been great for bermuda grass hay and pastures. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, reported another wet week delayed potential hay harvest throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Specifically, some producers have not had the opportunity to bale hay that was mowed nearly two weeks ago, said Dorrough. Colquitt said excessive rainfall delayed field work and hay harvest. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties needed some dry weather to finish the second cutting of hay. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, confirmed Montgomery County needed a few dry days to cut hay. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County has plenty of forage but needed dry weather to cut hay.

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

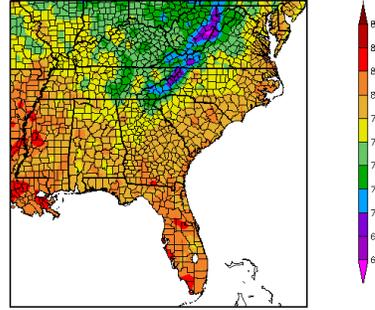
Precipitation (in)
7/8/2013 - 7/14/2013



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Temperature (F)
7/8/2013 - 7/14/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, July 9, 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	93.04	6.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (07/02/2013 map)	82.34	17.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/09/2013 map)	91.01	8.99	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 (07/03/2012 map)	8.52	91.48	58.00	31.53	15.64	1.08

Intensity:

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

