



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Prolong Rainfall Hindered Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 21, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	95	89	100	98
Corn Dough	64	58	82	66
Corn Dented	20	11	57	32
Cotton Squaring	95	90	95	82
Cotton Setting Bolls	23	17	71	47
Peanuts Pegged	74	59	71	48
Soybeans Blooming	36	29	76	52
Soybeans Setting Pods	6	N/A	33	19
Winter Wheat Harvested	100	99	100	95

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor Poor Fair Good Exc.				
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	9	67	23
Cotton	0	3	18	77	2
Peanuts	0	1	21	77	1
Soybeans	0	1	20	73	6
Winter Wheat	0	2	26	51	21
Livestock	0	1	11	64	24
Pasture & Range	0	1	8	56	35

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short Short Adequate Surplus			
		Percent			
District 10	5.5	0	2	81	17
District 20	4.9	0	2	67	31
District 30	3.6	0	0	54	46
District 40	4.5	0	0	77	23
District 50	4.4	0	7	62	31
District 60	2.5	0	0	39	61
State: Current Week	4.2	0	1	64	35
State: Previous	2.2	0	1	42	57

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 77.7 F in Crossville, to 82.2 F in Huntsville; total

precipitation ranged from 0.12 inches in Montgomery, to 3.75 inches in Birmingham. William Rogers, FSA PT, stated crops planted in low areas have suffered some drown outs in Lawrence County. Shane Seay, FSA CED, confirmed the rainfall has been a blessing and a curse as some crops in Limestone County have drowned out. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties continued to receive rainfall. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated crops in Bibb and Perry County were in good condition due to less rainfall and higher temperatures. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported field work continued this week, but fields were still wet in most areas. James Jones, Jr., reported wet conditions persist in Henry County. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed wet conditions have hampered crop management practices and severely damaged some row crops in Houston County. Durr stated vegetables producers have been devastated by excessive rainfall, with major losses due to unharvested crops. Blueberry producers were seeing a major reduction in quality causing further profit losses.

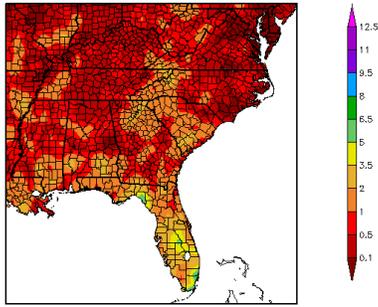
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Rogers reported recent rains have positively impacted the corn, soybeans and hay crops; however, the cotton crop suffered some setbacks. Seay said wheat harvest should be complete by the weekend with the crop that is left trying to sprout in the head. Cotton conditions have improved due to hotter temperatures, stated Seay. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported most of the corn crop was in good condition, with the exception of crops on low or poorly drained soils in Jackson County. Mann said a lot of soybeans were planted, and the cotton crop needed some dry weather. Jeff Knott, FSA CED, said continued rains have delayed or prevented producers from planting soybeans in Bullock and Pike County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed less rainfall throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties allowed producers to harvest some hay. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, reported a lot of hay was cut this week throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties. Glover stated dry conditions were needed so producers could get a second cutting of hay. Headley said pastures looked great, and producers anticipated cutting an abundance of hay once fields dry. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, confirmed producers in Covington County were still having difficulty cutting hay due to wet conditions. The harvesting of hay has been cut short of one cutting so far this summer, stated Knotts.

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

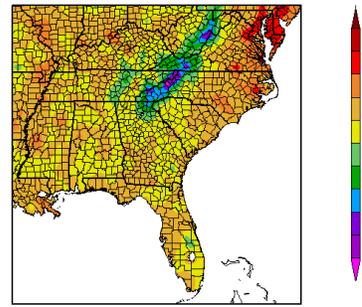
Precipitation (in)
7/15/2013 - 7/21/2013



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Temperature (F)
7/15/2013 - 7/21/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, July 16, 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	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (07/09/2013 map)	93.04	6.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/16/2013 map)	95.49	4.51	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 (07/10/2012 map)	8.36	91.64	58.88	31.53	15.65	1.08

Intensity:

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



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