



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Extended Wet Conditions Bring Maggots and Bugs

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 28, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	5-Yr 2012 Avg.	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	98	95	100	100
Corn Dough	75	64	92	79
Corn Dented	34	20	68	48
Corn Mature	4	N/A	40	13
Cotton Squaring	97	95	97	87
Cotton Setting Bolls	54	23	82	59
Peanuts Pegged	84	74	78	57
Soybeans Blooming	47	36	80	63
Soybeans Setting Pods	21	6	41	29

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor Poor Fair Good Exc.				
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	10	62	27
Cotton	0	2	30	64	4
Peanuts	0	0	22	75	3
Soybeans	0	1	19	68	12
Winter Wheat	0	1	12	61	26
Livestock	1	1	10	55	33
Pasture & Range					

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short Short Adequate Surplus			
		Percent			
District 10	4.5	0	1	77	22
District 20	4.3	0	5	76	19
District 30	4.5	0	0	68	32
District 40	3.2	0	0	57	43
District 50	3.9	0	6	54	40
District 60	1.4	0	0	16	84
State: Current Week	3.6	0	2	59	39
State: Previous	4.2	0	1	64	35

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 74.0 F in Crossville, to 80.8 F in Mobile; total

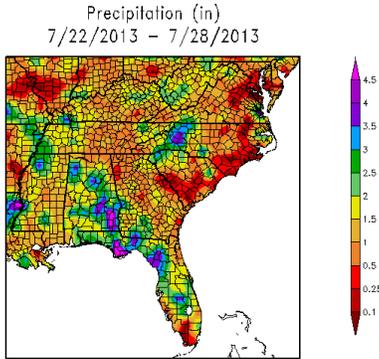
precipitation ranged from 0.10 inches in Scottsboro, to 5.35 inches in Montgomery. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated Covington County experienced excessive rain this week. Joe Capps, FSA CED, stated wet conditions persist in Macon and Russell County. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County needed a few days of sunshine. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, confirmed conditions in Dallas and Lowndes County were exceedingly wet. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, said Fayette County was still extremely wet. Carol Gay, FSA CED, confirmed Randolph and Clay County continued to receive scattered showers. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated the week began with most areas within Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties experiencing significant rainfall; however, dry conditions prevailed during the latter part of the week. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported some areas in Jackson County were starting to get dry.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, confirmed excessive rain drowned out some cotton in Autauga County, and cotton insects remained trivial. Moore also mentioned kudzu bugs were still dominant in soybeans. Late planted corn could use a good rain this week, said Mann. Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported the corn and soybean crops were looking great in Marion and Winston County. Malone said cotton was slowed this week by the cool temperatures at night, but was still in good condition.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, reported excessive rainfall early in the week delayed field work; however, three straight days without rain allowed many farmers to lay down a lot of hay throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Dorough said many farmers began mowing pastures to initiate new, higher quality growth. Bermudagrass stem maggots were causing significant damage to hay fields in some areas, stated Dorough. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed producers were finally able to get in the hayfield for second cuttings throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties. Simon reported no hay was being cut, and pastures were losing fertilizer. Carol Gay stated grass was abundant due to excess rain, and the harvest of hay and other crops were hindered. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said dry weather was needed to cut hay throughout Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties. Malone said producers started to cut second and third cuttings of hay with reports of good yields. Some producers were able to cut hay for the first time since spring, said Smith.

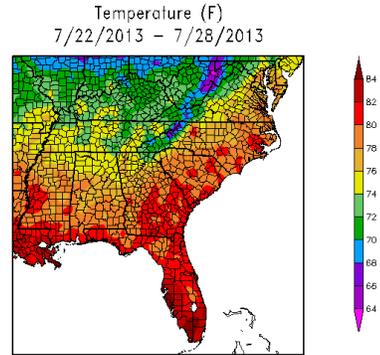
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U.S. Drought Monitor, July 23, 2013

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 (07/16/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/23/2013 map)	95.96	4.04	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 (07/17/2012 map)	10.15	89.85	58.56	29.35	15.65	1.08

Intensity:

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

