

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crops in Good Condition But Field Activities Slow

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 12, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	100	100	100	100
Corn Dough	89	83	100	94
Corn Dented	56	47	91	78
Corn Mature	10	6	69	39
Cotton Squaring	99	98	100	94
Cotton Setting Bolls	77	68	94	75
Peanuts Pegged	98	85	91	75
Soybeans Blooming	66	59	94	83
Soybeans Setting Pods	41	33	65	54

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	0	1	7	58	34
Cotton	0	3	31	65	1
Peanuts	0	7	32	44	17
Soybeans	0	1	16	64	19
Livestock	0	1	11	68	20
Pasture & Range	0	2	12	61	25

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	2.6	0	0	77	23
District 20	2.6	0	0	67	33
District 30	4.1	0	0	59	41
District 40	5.4	0	0	82	18
District 50	4.9	0	14	37	49
District 60	4.7	0	3	53	44
State: Current Week	3.9	0	2	65	33
State: Previous	4.5	0	1	67	32

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 76.5 F in Crossville, to 83.7 F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.06 inches in Atmore, to 5.09 inches in Guntersville. Thomas D Atkinson, FSA CED, highlighted extremely peculiar

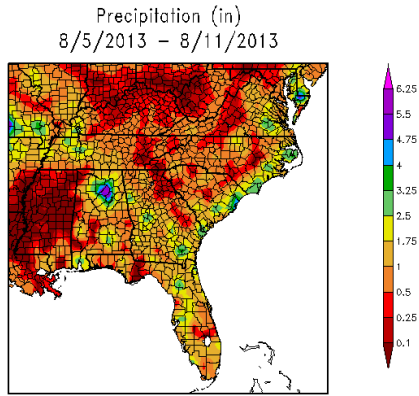
weather so far this year - lots of rain and very few days of temperatures above 90 degrees. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said his area received rain almost every day. Marie Headley, FSA CED, acknowledged more sunshine last week, but afternoon showers persisted. Temperatures were still lower than normal for August. William Rogers, FSA PT, recorded recent heavy rains have stopped field work. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, recorded Jackson County received additional rainfall last week. Amounts varied from a few tenths to a couple of inches. Greg Key, FSA CED, recounted rainfall was plentiful again last week. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED, recited thunderstorms were again the norm as most areas received at least some measurable rainfall for the week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Atkinson noted soybeans and corn were currently looking great. Drier weather conditions were necessary for the corn to mature and dry down for harvest. Cotton needs hot dry days to help development. Headley commented the cotton looked good and beans were yellowing from too much rain. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, relayed wet spots in some fields limited ground spraying. Rogers observed soybeans and cotton looked very good, except fields in low flooded areas. Tim Malone, FSA CED, communicated cotton continued to improve last week with the hotter, humid weather. Farmers reported problems with stink bugs in cotton and soybeans and most fields were too wet to spray with a high boy. Crop dusters were used to fly on insecticides. Key stated multiple applications of growth regulators were applied to keep cotton plants from getting too large. Cotton was fruiting well, which will help control vegetative growth. Soybeans were looking good; ample moisture spurred growth on double-cropped beans. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, relayed kudzu bugs continued to be a problem in soybeans. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, reported persistent wet weather has delayed producers from corn harvesting. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, noted corn harvest was underway.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Charles Simon, ACES CEC, observed most hay will be stemmy and low quality. As a result, he anticipated that more winter grazing may be planted this year. Durr stated cattle were getting along well and hay farmers continued to gather hay that will be rank and overly mature due to extended wet conditions. Rogers said that hay farmers were waiting on drier conditions before they could cut, but hay growth was very good. Malone stated pastures were still looking good and proclaimed this was the best July for growing grass that we have had in several years. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, expressed some progress was made with respect to hay production with several "dry" days although showers and storms were scattered throughout the region. Heavy rain showers late in the week ended most haying operations for the balance of the week. Smith said hay cut early in the week, had a least one or two rainfall events on the downed hay.

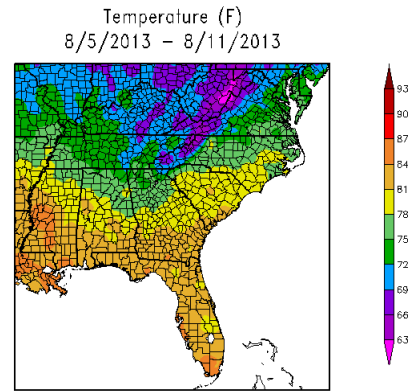
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U.S. Drought Monitor, August 6, 2013

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (07/30/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/07/2013 map)	88.91	11.09	2.04	0.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	29.15	70.85	45.65	20.64	9.58	2.10
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	66.49	33.51	17.18	11.50	8.53	3.52
One Year Ago (07/31/2012 map)	41.61	58.39	34.15	18.31	11.38	5.35

Intensity:

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



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