



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crops Holding in Good Condition, Fieldwork Still Slow

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 26, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dough	99	96	100	99
Corn Dented	86	67	99	93
Corn Mature	39	20	93	71
Corn Harvested	2	0	50	18
Cotton Setting Bolls	98	95	97	88
Cotton Bolls Opening	3	1	15	22
Soybeans Blooming	80	75	100	94
Soybeans Setting Pods	61	50	87	78

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	1	1	7	56	35
Cotton	0	2	28	68	2
Peanuts	0	13	42	32	13
Soybeans	0	2	16	63	19
Livestock	0	1	10	68	21
Pasture & Range	0	2	10	62	26

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	3.6	0	1	79	20
District 20	4.5	0	0	92	8
District 30	3.9	0	0	65	35
District 40	5.5	0	0	78	22
District 50	4.8	0	4	53	43
District 60	2.5	0	0	38	62
State: Current Week	4.0	0	1	68	31
State: Previous	3.8	0	3	63	34

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 75.0°F in Crossville, to 80.7°F in Montgomery; total precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches in Montgomery, to 4.28 inches in Enterprise. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported normal temperatures had returned for Bibb and Perry Counties. Skies

had cleared and although only a few scattered showers were received, fields were still wet in many areas. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED, said Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties experienced a mostly dry week which allowed for much needed field work. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, indicated Monroe County received abundant rainfall the past month which caused high moisture levels and halted harvesting activities. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, acknowledged Covington County was in need of dry, open weather for hay harvesting and crop spraying. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, relayed rainy weather continued to slow fieldwork to a crawl. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, commented that rainfall amounts were quite varied last week in Jackson County.

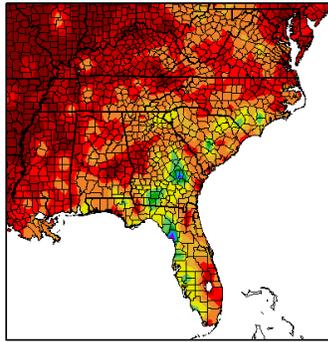
**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Greg Key, FSA CED for Etowah and St. Clair Counties, said corn was very slow to dry down and cotton continued to grow taller than desired. He added soybeans looked good, although there was some concern about lodging from too much vegetative growth. Vegetable crops also suffered from too much rain. Major concerns about disease and insects were arising because producers were not able to apply necessary fungicides and insecticides. Headley commented some watermelon producers were reporting losses. Smith stated with the cool, wet weather most cotton was well behind its normal maturity. McDonald reported cotton, peanuts, and soybeans all needed dry weather to improve crop quality. Durr also stated insect and disease pressure concerned row crop producers in the area. Tim Malone, FSA CED, recorded cotton condition improved last week in Marion and Winston Counties. Corn harvest was expected to begin soon and good yields were anticipated. Soybeans were looking great as well. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station confirmed improved weather in Autauga County allowed corn harvest to commence.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Key reported producers were hoping for dryer weather to harvest hay that should have been harvested weeks ago. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, stated wet weather delayed haying operations in Montgomery County. Charles Simon, ACES CES, expected hay cutting to resume in Covington County with the rain finally slacking off. Malone stated there should be a lot of hay put up this week. Henry Dorough, ACES REA for Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties, noted much dryer weather allowed substantial hay to be harvested last week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, verified most of the second cutting of hay was complete in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties.

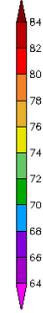
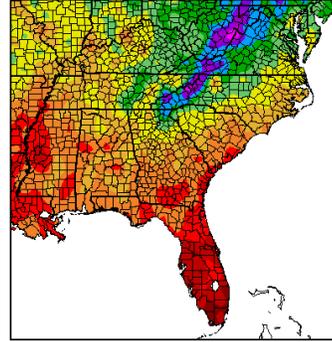
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
8/19/2013 - 8/25/2013



Temperature (F)  
8/19/2013 - 8/25/2013



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## U.S. Drought Monitor, August 20, 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 (08/13/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/21/2013 map)	94.56	5.44	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 (08/14/2012 map)	46.49	53.51	27.23	16.25	8.66	0.00

**Intensity:**

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



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