



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Much Needed Sunshine Spurs Field Activities

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 3, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dented	93	86	100	97
Corn Mature	47	39	98	83
Corn Harvested	6	2	60	28
Cotton Setting Bolls	100	98	100	92
Cotton Bolls Opening	9	3	23	32
Peanuts Dug	0	0	0	0
Soybeans Blooming	83	80	100	97
Soybeans Setting Pods	70	61	92	85
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	3	2	15	18

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor Poor Fair Good Exc.				
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	7	55	37
Cotton	0	2	31	65	2
Peanuts	0	12	45	32	11
Soybeans	0	1	13	65	21
Livestock	0	1	11	65	23
Pasture & Range	1	1	10	60	28

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.3	0	0	96	4
District 20	6.8	0	9	89	2
District 30	6.2	0	10	76	14
District 40	6.9	0	3	86	11
District 50	6.3	0	6	74	20
District 60	5.3	0	0	52	48
State: Current Week	6.4	0	4	83	13
State: Previous	4.0	0	1	68	31

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 74.6°F in Opelika, to 81.8°F in Dauphin Island; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in many areas of the state, to 1.87 inches in Geneva.

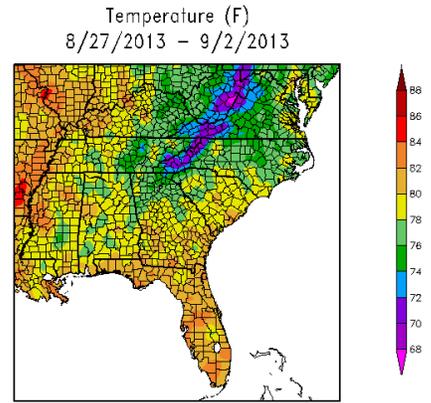
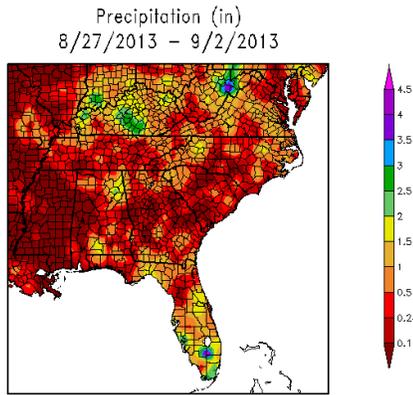
William Rogers, FSA PT, reported sunny weather as crops began to dry out with the outlook for all crops very good for Lawrence County. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, highlighted much needed, dryer weather was welcomed in Jackson County last week. Marie Headley, FSA CED, acknowledged dryer weather last week in Bibb County. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, indicated fields in Monroe County were in better shape due to a warmer, dryer week.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, commented on seeing a good bit of premature defoliation in cotton due to the target spot fungus. He also noted some boll rot and hard-locked bolls in rank cotton. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, stated corn began to dry down last week and shelling should get underway in his area in the next few days. He noted some cotton began to open last week. Most plants had gotten tall due to extended rainy weather. Headley recorded producers were harvesting corn. Soybean and cotton producers noticed some damage to crops due to the excess rainfall. Dryer, warmer temperatures were needed to help crop development. McDonald relayed the excessive rainfall has had an impact on all crops. Dryer weather would improve conditions.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said hot, dry weather allowed substantial hay harvesting last week. Bermudagrass stem maggot reports were widespread with significant yield losses reported. The week ended with a few showers scattered around Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties dampening harvest activities. Carol Gay, FSA CED for Clay and Randolph Counties, recorded a few dry days spurred hay harvesting activities, but producers were still concerned about the quality. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, observed plenty of hay being baled and put in the barn in Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. Smith confirmed a dry, warm week enabled many hay producers to proceed with hay cutting. Hay quality was reported to be poor due to the wet weather. Headley stated hay producers were able to get their hay cut and baled. Pastures remained in good condition. McDonald also said hay producers were able to harvest the past week without threat of rain. Charles Simon, ACES CEC in Covington County, reported a lot of hay cut, but quality was poor.

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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



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## U.S. Drought Monitor, August 27, 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 (08/20/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/28/2013 map)	86.96	13.04	3.18	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 (08/21/2012 map)	56.05	43.95	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00

**Intensity:**

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

