



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Warmer Weather Aids Crops and Field Activities

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 8, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	5-Yr 2012 Avg.	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dented	99	93	100	99
Corn Mature	75	47	99	90
Corn Harvested	17	6	70	37
Cotton Bolls Opening	20	9	33	42
Peanuts Dug	1	0	2	2
Soybeans Blooming	90	83	100	99
Soybeans Setting Pods	75	70	94	90
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	9	3	21	26

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	0	1	9	49	41
Cotton	0	0	32	63	5
Peanuts	0	15	32	39	14
Soybeans	0	1	14	65	20
Livestock	1	1	14	63	21
Pasture & Range	1	2	12	60	25

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.3	0	0	98	2
District 20	6.1	0	3	97	0
District 30	6.5	12	7	81	0
District 40	6.7	0	26	67	7
District 50	6.1	0	13	73	14
District 60	5.1	0	0	83	17
State: Current Week	6.0	1	7	86	6
State: Previous	6.4	0	4	83	13

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 86.9°F in Haleyville, to 92.9°F in Montgomery; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Demopolis, Greensboro, and Rock Mills, to 2.75 inches in Mobile. Marie Headley, FSA CED, relayed field conditions continued to dry out in Bibb and Perry

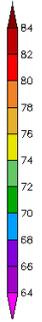
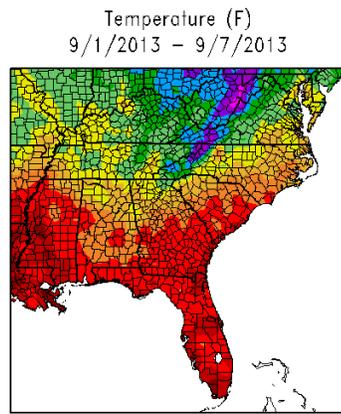
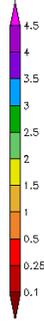
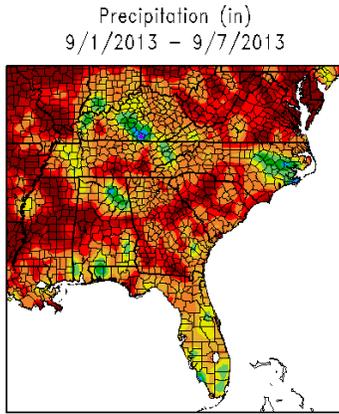
Counties. Small, spotty showers occurred locally last week but rainfall totals were negligible. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, indicated the warmer, dryer weather helped some row crop farmers get caught up on field work. Sunny weather dried up wet spots in most fields and pushed crop maturity along.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported corn harvest began with reports of good yields in Marion and Winston Counties. The moisture was still high, but the hot weather this past week really helped it to start drying down. Cotton improved last week with the hotter weather which caused some early planted cotton to begin to open. Soybeans were still looking good. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, recorded corn harvest had begun and early reported yields were outstanding in Jackson County. He stated reported yields were from higher ground and expected fields in the lower areas to yield much lower due to flooding and drowned out areas. Mann also noted cotton and soybean condition showed improvement last week. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, commented spotty rain storms delayed corn harvest in Autauga County. He added insect numbers dropped off in both cotton and soybeans. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, remarked a few isolated showers popped up in an otherwise dry week. This allowed most corn producers to make headway on shelling their crop. Most cotton had open bolls on the bottom with some as much as 40-50% open. Joe Capps, FSA CED for Macon and Russell Counties, said corn was drying down and peanuts were looking better each day. He added cotton condition was mixed and soybeans were looking fair. Headley stated corn producers continued harvesting in her area, but no yields had been reported yet. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT in Conecuh County, summarized the excessive rain had not been good for the cotton. Durr observed pest control spraying continued, mainly in cotton and peanuts, as disease pressure increased.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone stated there was a lot of hay put in the barn this past week. He also expected hay operations to wind down soon if the extended forecast holds. Mann added the dry weather and sunshine allowed hay harvest to progress. Carol Gay, FSA CED, observed hay cutting was still in full swing in Clay and Randolph Counties. However, because of the excess rain, Bermudagrass was not harvested at ideal maturity. Taller grass and weeds had overgrown and smothered the Bermudagrass in many fields. This resulted in a loss of both quality and quantity. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, agreed hay was being cut everywhere. Headley relayed pasture was adequate for livestock.

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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 3, 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 (08/27/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/04/2013 map)	68.64	31.36	4.74	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 (08/28/2012 map)	55.69	44.31	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00

Intensity:

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



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