



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Corn Harvest Well Underway, Most Crops in Good Condition

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 15, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	86	75	100	94
Corn Harvested	26	17	78	53
Cotton Bolls Opening	26	20	52	54
Peanuts Dug	3	1	5	6
Peanuts Combined	1	0	2	2
Soybeans Blooming	95	90	100	100
Soybeans Setting Pods	80	75	97	95
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	14	9	26	35

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	0	1	6	55	38
Cotton	0	0	32	64	4
Peanuts	0	10	40	41	9
Soybeans	0	0	12	67	21
Livestock	0	1	13	68	18
Pasture & Range	0	2	18	59	21

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	6.0	0	6	94	0
District 20	6.8	0	28	71	1
District 30	6.8	0	24	76	0
District 40	6.9	1	40	53	6
District 50	6.9	0	22	60	18
District 60	6.7	1	10	73	16
State: Current Week	6.7	1	19	74	6
State: Previous	6.0	1	7	86	6

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 73.9°F in Sylacauga, to 80.9°F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches over many areas of the state, to 1.25 inches in Russellville. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said less than 0.5 inches of rain fell on isolated areas of Jackson County last

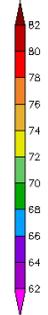
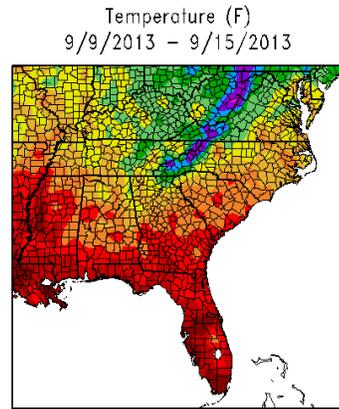
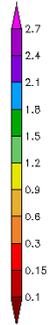
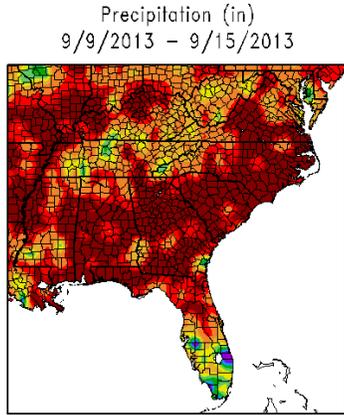
week. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, recorded no rain at the service center for the past week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, acknowledged it was dry and rain was needed in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. However, dry weather was great for harvesting.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported corn harvest was in full swing with great yields being reported in Marion and Winston Counties. Cotton was starting to open and showed improvement. He expected soybean harvest on early planted beans to begin in the next couple of weeks. Mann also relayed late planted soybeans could use a good rain. Corn harvest was underway and should pick up next week. Early yield reports remained high, but will probably drop off as corn that suffered from excessive rainfall is harvested. Greg Key, FSA CED for Etowah and St. Clair Counties, stated most of the corn acreage was mature. However, moisture levels were high enough to keep producers from harvesting. Yield reports were very good. Early soybeans looked very good, but late beans needed more rain to fill pods. The warmer, dryer conditions last week helped cotton development. Carol Gay, FSA CED, commented corn harvest began in Clay and Randolph Counties with the dryer weather. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, recorded target spot was causing premature defoliation in most varieties of cotton. Early harvested soybean plots were ranging from 45 to 65 bushels/acre. Smith noted a mostly dry week allowed most corn harvest to be completed. Cotton bolls were opening at a rapid pace. He expected some defoliation to begin in the upcoming week. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, relayed cotton was opening fast in Henry County, noting lots of drowned spots in fields. He anticipated peanut harvest would begin soon with condition looking good to excellent. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, said row crop farmers were working to catch up on harvesting corn, bush-hogging around fields, spraying for pests, and getting equipment ready for harvest.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone added a lot of hay was put up the last couple of weeks with outstanding yields reported. Henry Dorough, ACES REA for Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties, indicated pastures were beginning to thin due to a variety of factors. Leaf spot and bermudagrass stem maggot had degraded bermudagrass pastures significantly in recent weeks, However Fescue pastures looked good. Key said the second cutting of hay was completed with very good yields reported, but the quality was not as good. Smith stated pasture conditions had begun to reverse because of the dryer weather. Charles Simon, ACES CES in Covington County, reported hay cutting continued. He hoped to see another cutting before frost. With quality substandard this year, winter grazing and/or supplements will be used. He also indicated pasture growth had slowed down. Durr observed farmers were busy bailing hay. For many it was their first cutting.

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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 10, 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	98.12	1.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (09/03/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/11/2013 map)	73.53	26.47	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 (09/04/2012 map)	65.56	34.44	22.42	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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