



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Timely Rain Benefits Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 22, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 2012 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Corn Mature | 94 | 86 | 100 | 96 |
| Corn Harvested | 44 | 26 | 86 | 71 |
| Cotton Bolls Opening | 38 | 26 | 67 | 65 |
| Cotton Harvested | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Peanuts Dug | 13 | 3 | 14 | 14 |
| Peanuts Combined | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Soybeans Setting Pods | 85 | 80 | 100 | 97 |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 29 | 14 | 39 | 48 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Winter Wheat Planted | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very Poor | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|----|
| | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. | |
| Percent | | | | | |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 5 | 53 | 41 |
| Cotton | 0 | 0 | 31 | 64 | 5 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 14 | 46 | 32 | 8 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 0 | 13 | 65 | 22 |
| Livestock | 0 | 1 | 13 | 70 | 16 |
| Pasture & Range | 1 | 2 | 19 | 61 | 17 |

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

| | Days Suitable | Very Short | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------|---------|----|
| | | Short | Adequate | Surplus | |
| Percent | | | | | |
| District 10 | 6.0 | 0 | 22 | 78 | 0 |
| District 20 | 6.6 | 0 | 33 | 67 | 0 |
| District 30 | 6.3 | 0 | 30 | 70 | 0 |
| District 40 | 6.8 | 3 | 51 | 46 | 0 |
| District 50 | 6.3 | 0 | 34 | 60 | 6 |
| District 60 | 6.1 | 2 | 27 | 56 | 15 |
| State: Current Week | 6.4 | 1 | 32 | 64 | 3 |
| State: Previous | 6.7 | 1 | 19 | 74 | 6 |

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 69.6°F in Crossville, to 79.5°F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.16 inches in Selma, to 3.55 inches

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

in Hamilton. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, reported Jackson County received between two and three inches of rainfall this past weekend. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties observed most of the area received some rainfall and the service center received 0.8 inches of rain for the week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed much needed rain was received last week in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Marie Headley, FSA CED, indicated current conditions were dry for Bibb and Perry Counties, but was optimistic about the forecast for rain over the weekend. She added crops were looking good. However, pastures were drying up fast.

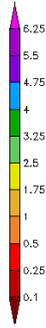
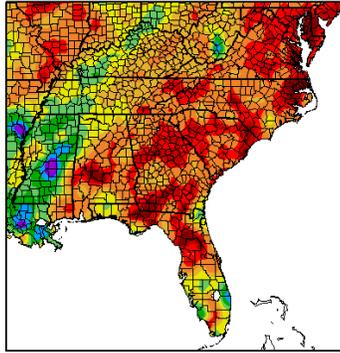
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Mann said rain received over the weekend would stop corn and soybean harvest for a couple of days, but would help the late planted soybeans. Reported yields in Jackson County remained very high with corn still running between 180 and 240 bushels per acre. Harvest was progressing very slow due to the high yields and high moisture content of the crop. He added, the first reports of soybean yields reached 60 plus bushels per acre. Smith noted rainfall that fell over the weekend helped pastures as well as soybeans planted behind wheat. He also stated a few fields of cotton were defoliated last week and leaves were dropping quickly on early season soybeans. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, acknowledged most producers had finished harvesting corn in Monroe County and were pleased with this year's yields in spite of the excessive rainfall received. She added the past two weeks of dry weather helped save Monroe County's corn crop. Peanut producers were beginning to dig the crop in preparation for combining. McDonald stated the prognosis for the cotton crop had yet to be determined and was reliant on the weather for the next several weeks. She also commented pastures, cotton and peanuts needed a good rain to moisten and improve ground conditions.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated rain was needed to plant winter grazing in Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. Charles Simon, ACES CES in Covington County, commented it was hard to believe after all the moisture received this year, but rain was needed. The dryer conditions had slowed pasture growth drastically. He added hay cutting had slowed.

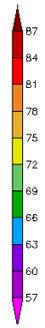
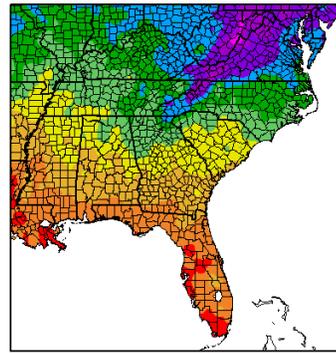
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/16/2013 - 9/22/2013



Temperature (F)
9/16/2013 - 9/22/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 17, 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 | 90.20 | 9.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week (09/10/2013 map) | 98.12 | 1.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago (06/18/2013 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 (09/11/2012 map) | 68.56 | 31.44 | 19.42 | 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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