

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Moves into Full Swing

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 20, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	100	NA	100	99
Corn Harvested	92	NA	100	92
Cotton Bolls Opening	91	NA	96	91
Cotton Harvested	19	NA	27	35
Peanuts Dug	70	NA	76	60
Peanuts Combined	52	NA	52	43
Soybeans Setting Pods	100	NA	100	100
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	88	NA	90	88
Soybeans Harvested	24	NA	26	38
Winter Wheat Planted	15	NA	11	12
Winter Wheat Emerged	8	NA	2	2

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	5	38	57
Cotton	0	0	24	69	7
Peanuts	0	12	40	38	10
Soybeans	0	1	12	63	24
Wheat	0	0	31	69	0
Livestock	0	1	11	79	9
Pasture & Range	0	2	28	63	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.6	0	4	96	0
District 20	5.7	0	7	93	0
District 30	5.5	0	40	60	0
District 40	6.3	1	45	53	1
District 50	6.5	0	51	49	0
District 60	6.3	6	24	60	10
State: Current Week	6.0	1	24	73	2
State: Previous	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 61.1°F in Madison, to 71.5°F in Robertsdale; total precipitation ranged from 0.08 inches in Geneva, to 1.29 inches in Selma. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED in Jackson County, stated recent weather had been very nice and allowed for good steady harvest. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, said conditions have been dry for the last several weeks. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, recorded the service center received 0.2 inches of rain for the week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received some much needed rain for winter grazing that had been planted. Marie Headley, FSA CED, noted Bibb and Perry Counties received a little rain last week and were expecting more this week. She added temperatures were cooling down.

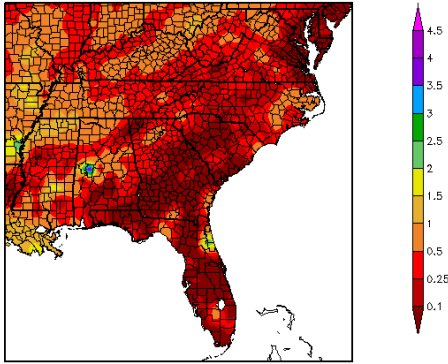
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED in Marion and Winston Counties, reported producers made great progress with the crop harvest in the past couple of weeks. Corn harvest was almost complete with reports of very good yields. Soybean harvest had started and early reported yields were great. Cotton harvest had barely begun, but should get in full swing next week. Mann indicated corn yields had fallen off in the lower ground, but farmers were still going to average between 150 to 175 bushels per acre on their entire crop in his area. Soybeans yields were also very good but wouldn't beat last year's average. Double crop soybeans were yielding over 40 bushels per acre. Smith relayed cotton, soybean, and peanut harvest was in full swing. Good yields have been reported for most crops. Headley indicated much of the cotton in Perry County has been harvested and yields looked good. Jones also mentioned rainfall would help finish later peanuts and aid in digging. Cotton harvest had begun. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, remarked the recent weather conditions enabled row crop farmers to make some headway in harvesting. Digging and harvesting peanuts was the major activity. Cotton harvesting was just beginning in the area and would probably be prolonged due to the late crop.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone commented pastures were looking very good. Dorrough added less than half an inch of rain late last week helped to get winter forages germinated, but more rain was necessary to establish adequate forage for winter grazing in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, commented much winter grazing was being planted. Fescue had been fertilized and the rains last week really helped in all areas of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. Headley said pastures looked normal for this time of year. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, reported rain was needed in Henry County for small grain planting. Durr said moisture levels were a little low in some areas to plant winter grain crops.

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

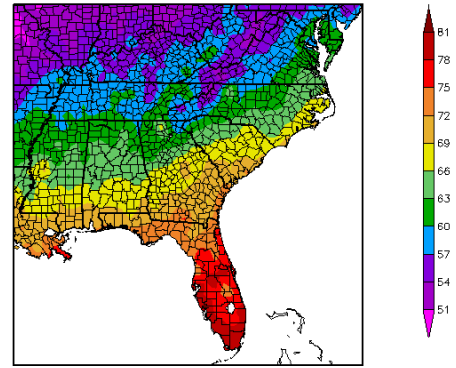
Precipitation (in)
10/14/2013 - 10/20/2013



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Temperature (F)
10/14/2013 - 10/20/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 15, 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 10/8/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/16/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/1/2013	40.07	59.93	33.67	19.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/16/2012	74.36	25.64	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00

Intensity:

