

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Continues as Temperatures Begin to Cool

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 27, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	96	92	100	95
Cotton Bolls Opening	94	91	98	94
Cotton Harvested	30	19	41	47
Peanuts Dug	86	70	87	70
Peanuts Combined	77	52	64	55
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	94	88	95	93
Soybeans Harvested	38	24	36	49
Winter Wheat Planted	25	15	19	19
Winter Wheat Emerged	13	8	5	6

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	4	40	56
Cotton	0	0	31	60	9
Peanuts	0	5	31	51	13
Soybeans	0	1	12	62	25
Wheat	0	0	22	78	0
Livestock	0	1	10	75	14
Pasture & Range	1	2	34	52	11

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.0	0	5	95	0
District 20	6.7	0	34	66	0
District 30	6.7	13	36	51	0
District 40	7.0	1	47	52	0
District 50	6.9	0	53	47	0
District 60	6.3	0	53	47	0
State: Current Week	6.6	2	33	65	0
State: Previous	6.0	1	24	73	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 48.4°F in Crossville, to 61.9°F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in many areas of the state, to 0.16

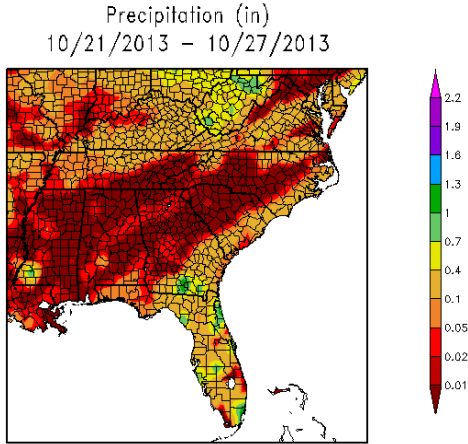
inches in Geneva. Tim Malone, FSA CED in Marion and Winston Counties, indicated producers made really good progress on the harvest last week. He added the area had a heavy frost Saturday morning. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, reported the first killing frost of the season in Jackson County. Harvest was progressing at a slow but steady pace. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated cooler temperatures had moved into Clay and Randolph Counties last week with lows in the 30's and highs ranging from 65 to 75 degrees. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, observed dry conditions in many areas of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. He added a good slow rain would be very beneficial for winter annuals. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, responded the service center received no rainfall for the week, however, preparations for winter wheat planting progressed. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated conditions in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties were beginning to get dry and could use a good slow rain. Marie Headley, FSA CED, relayed Bibb and Perry Counties experienced cooler temperatures and mostly dry conditions. All crop conditions seemed to be normal for this time of year. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, acknowledged even though Monroe County was in dire need of rain, the weather had been beneficial for harvesting.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: David Derrick, ACES REA in northeast Alabama, said there may have been some freeze damage on cotton over the weekend, but it was too early to tell the severity. Donald E. Mann mentioned cotton harvest had started but had received no reports on yields yet. Carol Gay confirmed corn harvest was still underway as well as some hay harvesting. Jeffery Smith said area producers experienced good weather for harvest with much progress made on soybeans, peanuts and cotton. Karen McDonald reported peanuts were being harvested and yields were good. Cotton harvest had begun and all early planted cotton that had been defoliated looked excellent. A few producers reported yields averaging over 2 bales to the acre. Prospects for cotton planted behind wheat were still dependent on a late frost. Soybeans also looked good. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, remarked on the good harvesting weather that has allowed farmers to push forward getting this year's crop in. There were still some late peanuts in the ground. The recent cool snap will speed up leaf dropping for cotton and soybeans.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, noted the first killing frost of the season which shut down warm season forages in Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Dry conditions hindered winter forages from getting established in a timely manner. Charles Simon, ACES CES in Covington County, observed some hay being cut. He also commented on the need for rain concerning pastures and winter forage crops.

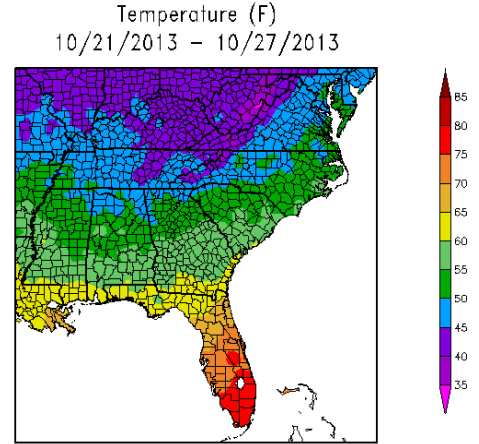
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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 22, 2013

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10/22/2013	92.98	7.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	10/15/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	7/23/2013	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

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Intensity:

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

