



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Slows Harvest and Other Field Activities

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 3, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	94	100	97
Cotton Harvested	35	30	57	59
Peanuts Dug	90	86	91	79
Peanuts Combined	85	77	80	66
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	98	94	98	97
Soybeans Harvested	45	38	56	61
Winter Wheat Planted	30	25	33	28
Winter Wheat Emerged	17	13	10	11

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Cotton	0	2	28	60	10
Peanuts	0	13	37	41	9
Soybeans	0	1	14	59	26
Wheat	0	0	9	91	0
Livestock	0	1	14	73	12
Pasture & Range	1	5	34	54	6

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.8	0	16	84	0
District 20	5.8	0	38	62	0
District 30	5.8	0	45	55	0
District 40	5.7	8	33	59	0
District 50	6.4	17	34	49	0
District 60	6.3	7	48	39	6
State: Current Week	5.9	4	33	62	1
State: Previous	6.6	2	33	65	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 59.5°F in Crossville, to 66.9°F in Mobile; total

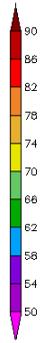
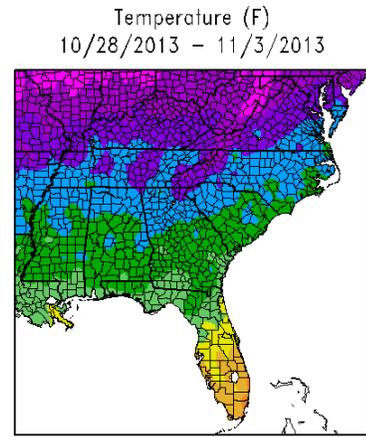
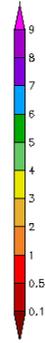
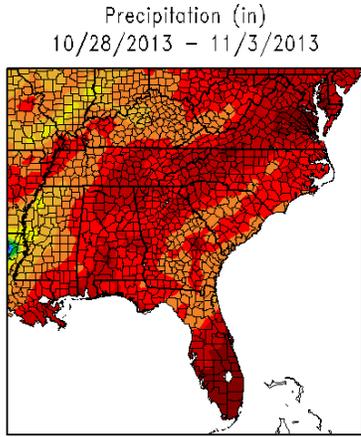
precipitation ranged from 0.10 inches in Huntsville, to 0.95 inches in Geneva. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, reported Jackson County received about 0.4 inches of rain last week and added soil moisture was getting short. Pastures were getting dry also. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, reported light rain fell early in the week. However, dry conditions prevailed in Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, acknowledged good harvest progress was made during October as only 0.98 inches of rain fell for the entire month at his location. The 0.62 inches of rain that fell Thursday night will slow harvesting efforts, but should help wheat planting. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, commented late week rain brought most harvesting to a stop as most areas accumulated at least one-half inch of rain. The service center received 0.7 inches of rain for the week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, mentioned Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties had some spotty rain showers last week but conditions were still dry. Marie Headley, FSA CED, relayed all conditions were normal for Bibb and Perry Counties at this time of year. They received some rainfall this past week, but no bad weather. Harvesting of crops continued. Charles Simon, ACES CES, expressed the need for rain in Covington County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: David Derrick, ACES REA in northeast Alabama, observed a lot of freeze damage on cotton and some soybeans. The extent of the damage was still unknown. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said bottom-land corn and soybean yields were short due to excessive moisture throughout the growing season. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, confirmed harvest activities continued in the area with some slowdown due to this year's late cotton crop. The prospect of rain late last week caused some peanut digging to stop in hope of the soil softening. He added a good rain would also charge a rather dry seed bed for winter grain.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated winter grazing was looking better in Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties because of the rain received last Thursday

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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 29, 2013

National Weather Service

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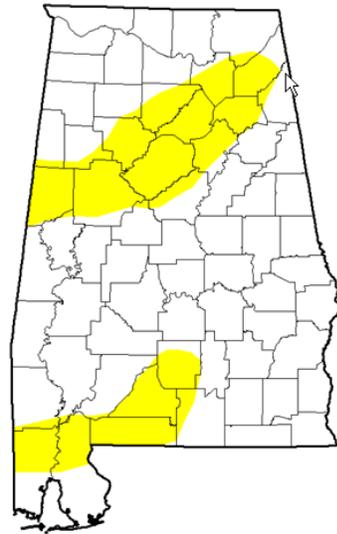
Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10/29/2013	76.43	23.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	10/22/2013	92.98	7.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	7/30/2013	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	10/23/2012	73.52	26.48	18.81	11.92	6.82	0.00

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Intensity:

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



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