



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Dry Conditions Aid Harvest, But Slow Winter Forage Progress

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 17, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	80	58	88	79
Peanuts Dug	97	95	97	89
Peanuts Combined	95	90	93	82
Soybeans Harvested	84	73	82	82
Winter Wheat Planted	62	48	55	53
Winter Wheat Emerged	34	25	32	27
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	0	2	24	60	14
Peanuts	0	10	33	47	10
Soybeans	0	2	12	62	24
Wheat	0	1	39	59	1
Livestock	0	1	18	70	11
Pasture & Range	1	16	35	47	1

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.0	4	24	72	0
District 20	5.7	6	51	43	0
District 30	5.6	0	30	70	0
District 40	6.7	11	46	43	0
District 50	6.0	17	32	50	1
District 60	6.6	11	40	45	4
State: Current	6.2	8	38	53	1
State: Previous	6.0	5	31	62	2

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 49.1°F in Haleyville and Huntsville, to 58.6°F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged from 0.07 inches in Anniston, to 1.11 inches in Bessemer. Tim Malone, FSA CED in Marion and

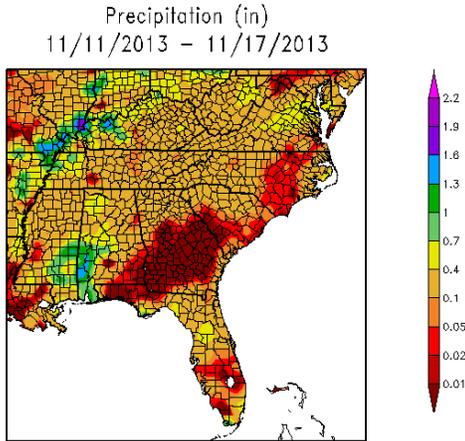
Winston Counties, indicated producers made great progress with the harvest last week. Most producers were in the short rows. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, responded the service center recorded 0.3 inches of rain for the week. Joe Capps, FSA CED, recorded temperatures in the low 20's Thursday morning in Macon and Russell Counties. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, emphasized the need for rain in Montgomery County. Marie Headley, FSA CED, relayed Bibb and Perry Counties experienced colder temperatures last week, but it was already starting to warm up again. Conditions were drying out and rain was needed. The good news was rain was expected over the weekend. Harvesting of soybeans and cotton continued. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, reported Conecuh County was really drying out and could surely use some rain. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, said dry moisture conditions were Monroe County's main concern right now. They received only 0.3 inches of rain in October and none for November so far. Pastures and winter cover needed rain badly. Charles Simon, ACES CES in Covington County, echoed the need for rain.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Karen D. McDonald observed cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were being harvested daily as beautiful weather continued last week. Most cotton was yielding 2 bales per acre and peanuts were yielding around 5500 pounds per acre. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, indicated cotton harvest was reaching the half-way point and peanut harvest neared completion. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, remarked the weather had been very dry which delayed most winter wheat planting. The forecast called for rain which would enable farmers to plant their small grains by the end of next week. Peanut harvesting was nearly complete while cotton and soybeans were approaching the mid-harvest point.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Henry Dorough, ACES REA, noted light rain in some portions of Marshall and St. Clair Counties gave cool season forages a slight boost. A deep freeze and second killing frost mid-week forced all warm season forages into dormancy throughout the region. Most livestock producers had been feeding hay for a couple of weeks due to the decline of warm season forages and the lack of cool season growth caused by dryer weather. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, acknowledged the need for a slow, steady rain in the form of one inch or better to benefit fescue and winter grazing varieties in Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. James D. Jones Jr. confirmed the need for moisture for forage plantings in Henry County. Willie Durr said pastures were declining fast due to cold temperatures.

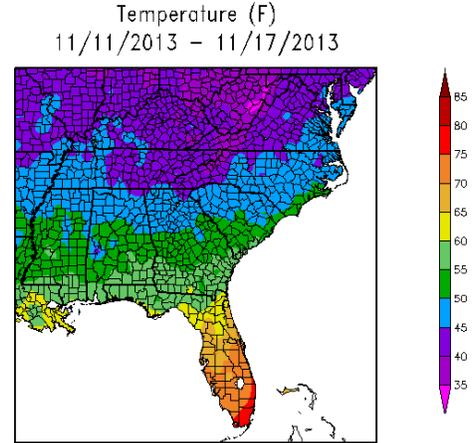
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, November 12, 2013

National Weather Service

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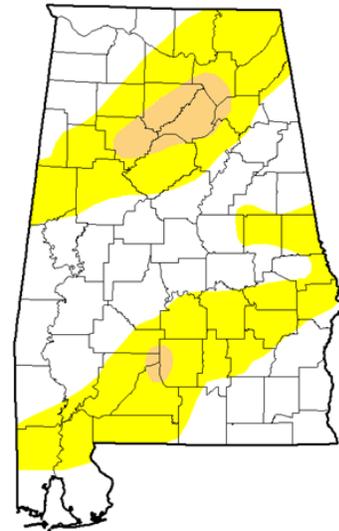
Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11/12/2013	54.32	45.68	5.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	11/5/2013	57.89	42.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	8/13/2013	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	11/13/2012	58.23	41.77	28.24	16.91	7.37	3.68

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**Intensity:**

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



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