



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Issue 1

Fieldwork Halted by Weekend Rains

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 6, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	27	NA	16	34
Cotton Planted	0	NA	1	1
Winter Wheat Headed	5	NA	12	17
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	4	4	18	62	12
Livestock	1	3	36	49	11
Pasture & Range	2	5	47	37	9

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	NA	NA
Short	0	NA	NA
Adequate	67	NA	NA
Surplus	33	NA	NA

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	NA	NA
Short	3	NA	NA
Adequate	74	NA	NA
Surplus	23	NA	NA

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 6, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.92 inches of rain in Mobile, to 2.81 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 60.6°F in Bessemer, to 65.4°F in Mobile.

"A small amount of corn got planted this week. The winter wheat is looking good for the most part. Cattle and pastures are mainly in fair condition due to a very cold winter." **Donald E. Mann, CED - District 20**

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

"Rain early and late in the week limited fieldwork opportunities. Some livestock producers continue to feed hay and supplemental feed while others are finally able to graze cool season forages. Warm season forages are beginning to green-up, but will not provide substantial forage for grazing for several weeks to come." **Henry Dorough, ACES REA - District 20 & 30**

"It is raining as I do this report and has been one whale of a winter for all forms of livestock. Hay sources are very low, winter grazing is not to good, and there will be some cattle that are not bred or will calf later next year. We need good spring and summer cuttings to replenish hay supplies. Ponds and streams are full at this time." **Jack Tatum, ACES REA - District 20 & 30**

"Rain is delaying corn planting and what has been planted will more than likely have to be replanted because of field flooding." **Ricky Colquitt, CEC - District 30**

"Heavy rains of 3+ inches over most areas have halted fieldwork. Some burn-down and fertilizer applications were made before the rain. The Service Center received 3.2 inches of rain for the week." **Jeffery Smith, FSA CED - District 30 & 40**

"Field preparation and planting is slightly behind schedule due to cooler and wetter conditions. Numerous Kudzu bugs have been spotted on and around protected structures." **Don Moore, Director-Prattville Agricultural Research Unit - District 40**

"Winter grazing is good; summer pasture is overall dormant." **Joe Capps, FSA CED - District 40 & 60**

"Monroe County's sufficient amount of rain and below normal temperatures these past few weeks have provided us with wet/soggy pasture conditions. The wheat looks good. Some corn has been planted." **Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED - District 50**

"Wet weather continues to slow field work and planting. Soil temps are still too low for plants to grow." **Willie Durr, CEC - District 60**

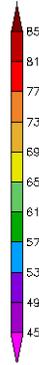
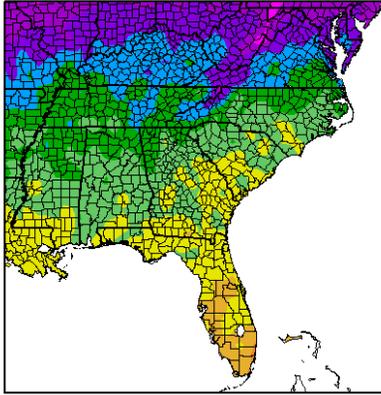
"Field work is slightly behind due to rains. Corn plantings is at 50 percent. Pastures are fair and coming on nicely. Small grains are doing well." **James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC - District 60**

"Going to get some rain this weekend. I noticed some grass not wanting to come outI wonder if we are going to have some grass death due to the ice storm and snow?" **Charles Simon, ACES CES - District 60**

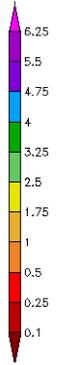
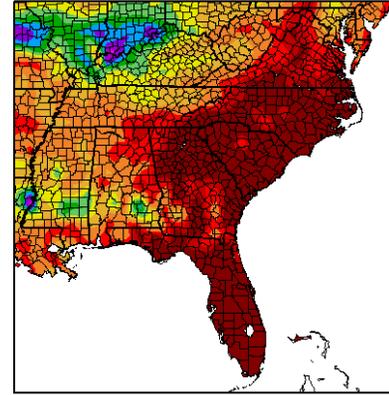
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Temperature (F)
3/31/2014 - 4/6/2014



Precipitation (in)
3/31/2014 - 4/6/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 1, 2014

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	4/1/2014	75.45	24.55	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	3/25/2014	78.22	21.78	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	4/2/2013	94.22	5.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Intensity:

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

