



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Rainfall Hampering Fieldwork

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 20, 2014**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Planted	60	53	48	66
Corn Emerged	41	17	N/A	36
Cotton Planted	3	N/A	8	5
Soybeans Planted	3	N/A	1	2
Winter Wheat Headed	23	16	24	41
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	(percent)				
Winter Wheat	0	5	26	55	14
Livestock	1	2	31	53	13
Pasture & Range	1	4	40	43	12

### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	2
Short	0	0	18
Adequate	48	57	61
Surplus	52	43	20

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	2	2	N/A
Adequate	53	58	N/A
Surplus	45	40	N/A

### GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 20, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.93 inches of rain in Muscle Shoals to 4.54 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 56.2°F in Muscle Shoals to 60.1°F in Mobile.

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

"Conditions were very normal. We seemed to have dodged a bullet with the cold snap this past Tuesday night. There was very little frost and very minimal damage to corn as of Friday."  
**Danny McWilliams, ACES CEC - District 10**

"Jackson County experienced a freeze on Wednesday morning. The verdict was still out on how the freeze affected the wheat, corn, and fruit crops."  
**Donald Mann, Jackson County CED - District 20**

"Rainfall fell short of predictions allowing a quicker return to the field this week. While some fields remain relatively wet, most were accessible for spraying and fertilizing operations."  
**Henry Dorough, ACES REA - District 20 & 30**

"Both Clay and Randolph County received about 2 inches of rain this week. I have seen some fields with drainage issues from the previous rains. Cattle prices were great!"  
**Carol Gay, Clay & Randolph County CED - District 30**

"More rain was expected this week with temperatures warming for the next week. Cooler temperatures and wet conditions this week was pushing planting to be late."  
**Marie Headley, Bibb & Perry County CED - District 30 & 40**

"Another rain event hampered fieldwork again over most of the area."  
**Jeffery Smith - Coosa, Elmore & Tallapoosa Counties CED - District 30 & 40**

"Rainfall was preventing fieldwork."  
**Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC - District 40**

"We need warmer temperatures for grass to grow and for hay."  
**Brenda Glover, ACES REA - District 40**

"Very little progress was made this week due to continued wet conditions."  
**Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station - District 40**

"Field conditions were too wet for any type of preparation for spring plating. Pastures were soggy."  
**Karen McDonald, Monroe County CED - District 50**

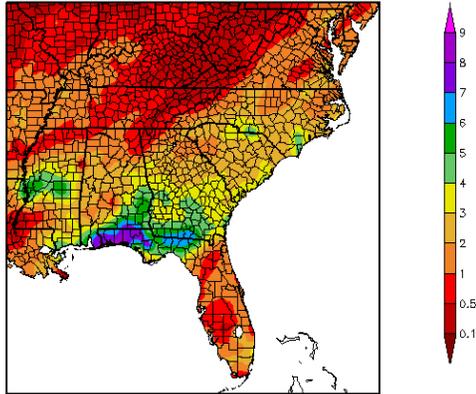
"Excessive rainfall has hampered field preparation. Pastures and wheat were doing well but needed sunshine."  
**James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC - District 60**

"Big rains have farmers still trying to repair terraces and washes before planting. Farmers plan to begin planting cotton, peanuts, and finish planting corn when soil conditions return to suitable. The excess rain has most farmers late on spraying burndown and preemergence herbicides."  
**Brandon Dillard, ACES REA - District 60**

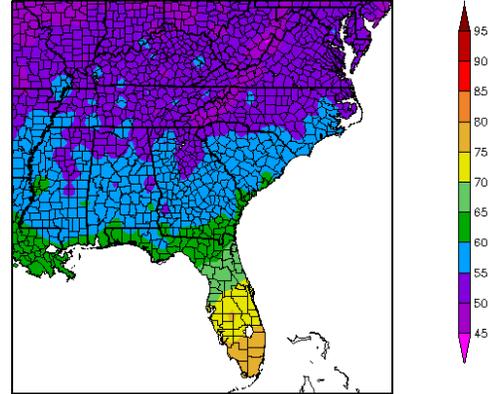
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
4/14/2014 - 4/20/2014



Temperature (F)  
4/14/2014 - 4/20/2014



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## U.S. Drought Monitor - April 15, 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	4/15/2014	96.02	3.98	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	4/8/2014	96.18	3.82	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	1/14/2014	100.00	0.00	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	4/16/2013	95.49	4.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Intensity:

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

