



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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New Storm Delays Field Activities Again

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 4, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Planted	84	73	80	87
Corn Emerged	69	57	53	68
Cotton Planted	14	12	24	27
Peanuts Planted	14	12	3	11
Soybeans Planted	11	9	5	11
Soybeans Emerged	5	NA	1	2
Winter Wheat Headed	81	51	64	75

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	(percent)				
Corn	0	0	28	64	8
Winter Wheat	1	3	21	62	13
Livestock	1	2	26	56	15
Pasture & Range	1	3	33	46	17

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	4
Short	0	0	17
Adequate	53	66	60
Surplus	47	34	20

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	1	1	N/A
Adequate	58	67	N/A
Surplus	41	32	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 4, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.65 inches of rain in Haleyville to 11.83 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 63.5°F in Haleyville to 69.2°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS: All crops seem to be in excellent shape. Some producers will begin planting full season soybeans when it dries

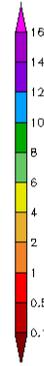
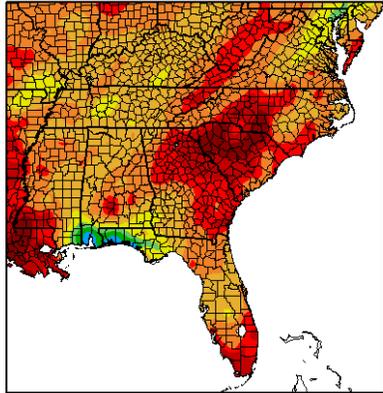
ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

up. - **Danny McWilliams, ACES CEC, Colbert, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, Walker, Winston Counties.** Tornadoes affected the southwest and western central portions of the Limestone County. Some crop damage is expected from hail and high winds which resulted in debris and downed fences. - **Shane Seay, FSA CED, Limestone County.** Last week was very stormy and wet resulting in isolated damage. A brighter forecast for the upcoming week should allow us to get the rest of our corn and cotton planted this next week. Pastures are looking good and some hay may be cut this week. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.** Cattle grazing of winter annuals looks good at this time. Bermuda, crabgrass and bahia have germinated but need warm nights and days to grow and provide adequate grazing. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.** A tornado hit the north part of Etowah County causing significant damage to farm and conservation structures. The affected area has heavy debris on crop and pasture lands. There were several poultry farms destroyed causing the death to a large number of poultry. There also were several head of cattle killed during the storm. - **Zachary Burns, FSA CED, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.** We had several hundred acres of corn under water from last week's rain. Some acreage may have to be replanted. Farmers will be finishing up corn planting this week with good weather forecasted. Wheat is looking very good for the most part. Pastures are having a tough time recovering from this winter's cold temperatures. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.** Cooler-than-normal temperatures were experienced this past week. All conditions are favorable at this time. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.** Rain was received early in the week; however, most fields dried quickly and field work progressed nicely by week's end along with some hay being cut. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.** What little cotton and soybeans that got planted last week are emerging. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.** Farmers have given up on planting any more corn due to delays in fieldwork. It will be the end of the week before everybody is able to get in the fields. - **Brandon Dillard, ACES REA, Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike Counties.** Producers have had a rough time with planting some of their spring crops due to excessive moisture. - **Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, Conecuh County.** Excessive rains were received last week which caused erosion in some vegetable fields. Some losses were reported in strawberries and some vegetable producers reported hail damage. - **Jimmy Todd, ACES CEC, Mobile County.** The storm activity did not damage wheat or corn. Field conditions are too wet for any planting to be done. Some of our cropland is under water, which is why we need some good warm days of sunshine. - **Karen McDonald, CED, Monroe County.** We have received excessive amounts of rainfall over the past three weeks. - **Justin Senn, FSA CED, Coffee County.** Recent rains have caused roads to be flooded and it was worse in Florida. We have had plenty of rain!!!! - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.** Excessive rain and flooding have resulted in soggy pastures and cropland. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.** Fieldwork was delayed with a little cotton planted and maybe a field or two of peanuts. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.** Excessive rain fell this week across the area causing waterlogged fields and further delays in planting. Today we still have water standing in low areas. It will be the mid to later part of next week before tillage and planting can continue. Most of the corn is planted and up but a lot of nutrients are gone. Peanuts planted to date would be less than 5%. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

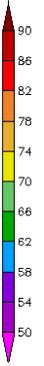
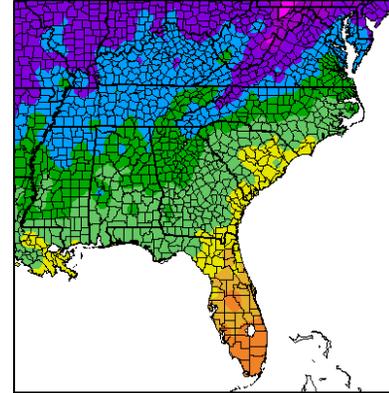
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
4/28/2014 - 5/4/2014



Temperature (F)
4/28/2014 - 5/4/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor - April 29, 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	4/29/2014	97.11	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	4/22/2014	94.90	5.10	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	1/28/2014	56.49	43.51	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	4/30/2013	95.96	4.04	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

