



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## New Storm Delays Field Activities Again

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 11, 2014**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Planted	94	84	86	92
Corn Emerged	80	69	66	77
Cotton Planted	32	14	33	43
Peanuts Planted	20	14	8	25
Soybeans Planted	29	11	8	18
Soybeans Emerged	19	5	4	7
Winter Wheat Headed	92	81	78	84
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
(percent)					
Corn	0	0	23	69	8
Winter Wheat	1	2	20	62	15
Livestock	1	2	25	56	16
Pasture & Range	1	3	32	45	19

### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
(percent)			
Very Short	0	0	4
Short	5	0	12
Adequate	61	53	60
Surplus	34	47	24

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
(percent)			
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	4	1	N/A
Adequate	64	58	N/A
Surplus	32	41	N/A

### GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 11, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.02 inches of rain in Bessemer to 4.39 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 70.6°F in Bessemer to 73.8°F in Montgomery.

**EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:** Tornado damage from April 28 has made some fields in western Limestone County difficult to farm. - **Eric Schavey, ACES REA, Colbert, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, Walker, Winston Counties.**

Marion and Winston County producers got finished with corn planting and made really good progress on cotton. With a good week cotton will be finished. Some beans were planted. Some first cuttings of hay took place last week with very good yields reported. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Plenty of field work this week including fertilizer and lime applications, spraying pasture weeds and mowing/baling ryegrass hay. Rain late in the week halted all activities with significant rainfall. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Farmers have had a great week to get a lot of crops in the ground and field work done. We are starting to get dry and are needing a rain. The wheat crop looks very good. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.** Rain is expected over the weekend but has been dry for the past week. Temperatures are now in the mid to high 80s. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Rain halted field work late in the week with most areas experiencing over an inch of rain, but good planting progress was made ahead of the wet weather. The service center received 1.8 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Rain shut down planting again as farmers received 0.5"-3" Saturday. Several farmers have zero acres planted at this point. It is becoming a bad situation for many. If we get rain Wednesday, we could be looking the third week of May in the face with no seed in the ground. Some farmers are still trying to fix washes in the field or broke terraces while others are having to plant around them. - **Brandon Dillard, ACES REA, Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike Counties.**

We have more rain coming in this weekend, and with the ground still be saturated with last weeks rain. It's going to make it impossible for most Conecuh farmers to do any planting this upcoming weekend. - **Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, Conecuh County.**

Need rain. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

Excessive rainfall and flooding in the area. Fields have lots of water still standing in areas. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

Plantings underway for peanuts and cotton. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

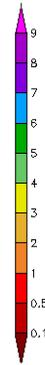
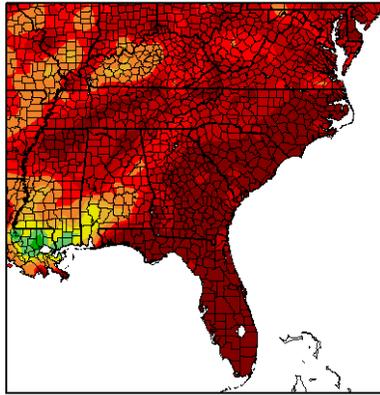
Spotty shower have caused additional delays in planting in the area. Dry weather is need if this year crop is to get in the grow. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

Most areas got rain on Friday and spotty showers the rest of the weekend. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene**

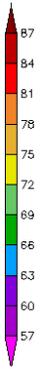
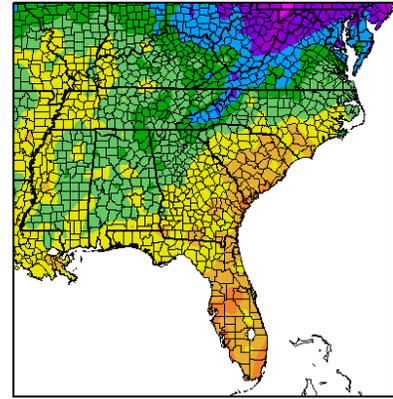
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
5/5/2014 - 5/11/2014



Temperature (F)  
5/5/2014 - 5/11/2014



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## U.S. Drought Monitor - May 6, 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	5/6/2014	94.68	5.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	4/29/2014	97.11	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2/4/2014	65.11	34.89	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	5/7/2013	100.00	0.00	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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.

