



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Planting Pushes Ahead in Spite of Mid-week Rains

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 18, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Planted	97	94	95	96
Corn Emerged	89	80	79	87
Cotton Planted	47	32	62	63
Peanuts Planted	31	20	22	41
Soybeans Planted	40	29	15	28
Soybeans Emerged	30	19	7	15
Winter Wheat Headed	96	92	89	91
Winter Wheat Harvested	2	1	0	4
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	33	NA	28	45

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Percent				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	0	1	20	71	8
Winter Wheat	1	2	19	61	17
Livestock	1	2	25	56	16
Pasture & Range	0	2	25	52	21

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	5
Short	4	5	14
Adequate	60	61	65
Surplus	36	34	16

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)		
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	3	4	N/A
Adequate	65	64	N/A
Surplus	32	32	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 18, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.37 inches of rain in Mobile

to 3.40 inches in Haleyville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 63.8°F in Haleyville to 68.9°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS: Our corn received a much needed rain this week. Cotton planting was finished. Wheat is looking good and showing signs of maturing. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Rainfall and cooler temperatures prevailed most of the week limiting field work. The rainfall has been beneficial by boosting grazing in most pastures. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Although pastures and hayfields are extremely wet, the added moisture will help with the second cutting of hay and keep pasture growth in great shape. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Much needed rain fell last Wednesday. Hay harvest has started. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Crops and pastures look good. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Randolph and Clay counties both recorded a little over an inch of rain this past week. Cattle prices remain great. - **Carol Gay, FSA CED, Clay & Randolph Counties.**

Heavy rain again delayed cotton and soybean planting this week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Continuous heavy rainfall has made planting conditions very difficult. The open forecasts for the next two weeks have farmers eager to enter the fields and plant. We should finally be able to cover some significant acreage in the next 10-14 days. - **Brandon Dillard, ACES REA, Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike Counties.**

Heavy rains delaying field work. - **Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, Montgomery County.**

Recent rains have left the ground in Conecuh County super saturated. - **Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, Conecuh County.**

Monroe County received 5 to 8 inches of rain since last Friday. Producers are unable to get in the field causing delayed planting for cotton, peanuts and soybeans. - **Karen McDonald, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Still having excess rain... 8" flash flooding in areas especially in the southeastern part of the county. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

Received a surplus of rain. Haven't seen any hay cut. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

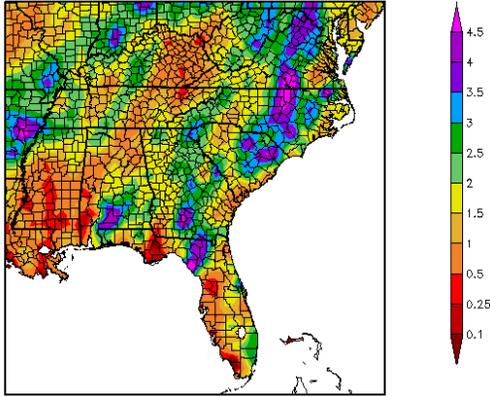
Rain has slowed progress in plantings. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Row crop farmers are behind in planting peanuts and cotton. Cattle condition is improving with warm temperatures and rainfall. Some cattlemen have fertilized pastures ahead of heavy rainfall thus causing fertilizers to be washed away. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

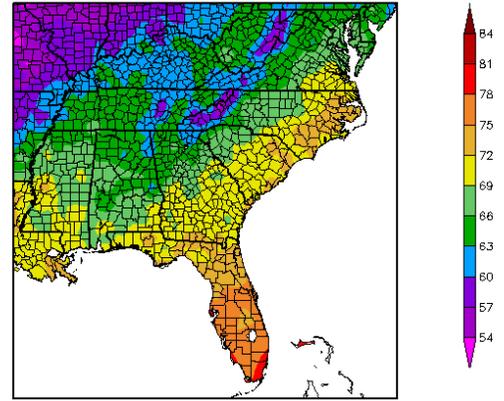
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
5/12/2014 - 5/18/2014



Temperature (F)
5/12/2014 - 5/18/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor - May 13, 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	5/13/2014	91.14	8.86	2.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	5/6/2014	94.68	5.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2/11/2014	85.40	14.60	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	5/14/2013	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.



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