



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Weekly Showers Continue to Slow Planting Pace

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 15, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Emerged	99	98	100	100
Corn Silking	26	7	13	35
Cotton Planted	92	88	99	97
Cotton Squaring	15	9	14	18
Peanuts Planted	86	81	92	90
Peanuts Pegging	19	na	2	7
Soybeans Planted	71	67	61	76
Soybeans Emerged	59	54	50	60
Soybeans Blooming	17	na	0	2
Winter Wheat Harvested	35	24	35	55
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	87	83	90	87

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	16	64	19
Cotton	0	1	40	56	3
Soybean	0	0	16	72	12
Winter Wheat	1	3	26	54	16
Livestock	1	2	23	60	14
Pasture & Range	1	2	24	58	15

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	1	12
Short	9	10	20
Adequate	65	65	64
Surplus	26	24	4

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	6	5	N/A
Adequate	72	73	N/A
Surplus	22	22	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 15, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.27 inches of rain in Mobile to 3.66 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 73.8°F in Haleyville to 76.9°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS: Excessive rains for the reporting week have hampered timely wheat harvest. Growers are just now beginning to harvest. Several producers have reported normal to low test weights and some sprouting due to these conditions. Cotton is approximately 30% squaring as of now. - **Eric Schavey, ACES REA, Franklin County.**

The ground finally got dry enough over the weekend for wheat harvest to start. We really need some sunshine. Corn is starting to silk. With the hot weather forecast this week, cotton should start growing. There should be a lot of hay harvested this week. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Heavy rainfall throughout the week halted field work. However, higher temperatures and plenty of sunshine over the weekend helped producers return to the field. - **Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

After several days of rain last week, this week's weather forecast looks promising. Wheat harvest is just getting started and yields should be good. Hay cutting has also resumed with fescue yields way below average. Farmers will be busy spraying their crops for weeds and planting soybeans behind wheat. There will be several low spots in some fields that will have to be replanted after last weeks' heavy rainfall. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

We received some rain around the county but it was spotty. Several areas are getting dry and needing rain. Crops are still look good. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

There were scattered thunder storms throughout the week in our area bringing around 2.5 inches of recorded rain in both counties. Hay harvesting continues. - **Carol Gay, FSA CED, Clay & Randolph Counties.**

Rain once again hindered wheat harvest due to high moisture levels. The service center received 1.2 inches for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

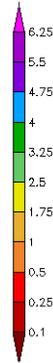
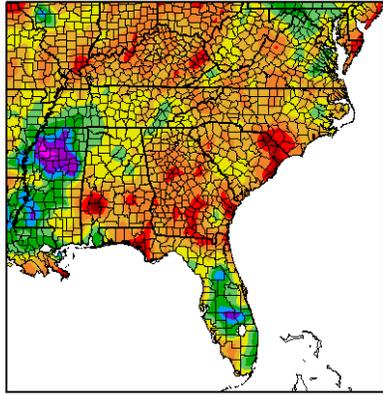
Excessive rainfall resulted in unfavorable field conditions this past week. Producers were hoping to finish planting, but were delayed yet again. Around one tenth of row crop land in the county may lay idle for 2014 if rainfall continues to be a factor. - **Karen McDonald, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Strong thunderstorms brought lots of rain again this week. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

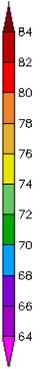
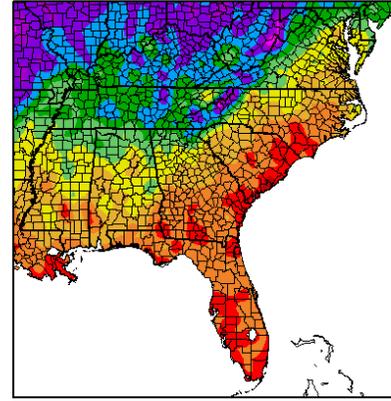
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
6/9/2014 - 6/15/2014



Temperature (F)
6/9/2014 - 6/15/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – June 10, 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	6/10/2014	95.02	4.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	6/3/2014	87.14	12.86	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	3/11/2014	81.52	18.48	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	6/11/2013	73.53	26.47	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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