



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Showers Slow Wheat Harvest and Planting Again

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 29, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Silking	77	53	63	72
Corn Dough	24	7	19	22
Corn Dented	2	na	2	4
Cotton Squaring	49	26	65	50
Cotton Setting Bolls	4	0	2	4
Peanuts Planted	98	93	99	96
Peanuts Pegging	36	21	33	23
Soybeans Planted	89	82	95	94
Soybeans Emerged	73	68	87	84
Soybeans Blooming	30	24	13	13
Winter Wheat Harvested	83	63	97	93
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	95	92	98	96
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
	Percent				
Corn	0	16	61	22	
Cotton	0	31	57	10	
Peanuts	0	40	46	14	
Soybean	0	17	68	15	
Livestock	1	23	60	14	
Pasture & Range	1	24	57	16	

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	1	16
Short	11	13	34
Adequate	70	72	47
Surplus	17	14	3

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	1	N/A
Short	9	11	N/A
Adequate	75	75	N/A
Surplus	14	13	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 29, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.03 inches of rain in Bessemer to 2.85 inches in Haleyville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 75.9°F in Haleyville to 80.7°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Wheat that has not been harvested is starting to turn black and sprout. Soybeans that are going to be planted behind wheat are going to be very late. The rain is starting to hurt vegetable farmers also. Tomatoes are full of water and starting to burst open. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Scattered showers throughout the region were timely in most cases and did not hamper field operations. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Some people are getting rain everyday and others every two-three days. Amounts vary in all areas. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Most parts of Jackson County received from 3 to 5 inches of rainfall last week. The moisture is causing the wheat that is still in the field to deteriorate and also delaying planting of final soybean acres. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

We received afternoon showers all across the area this week. Temperatures last week were in the 80's. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Wheat harvest and field work progressed around rain showers last week. The service center received 0.6 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Kudzu bug numbers were building on older soybeans. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Some areas in the county received over 2 inches of rain last week. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties.**

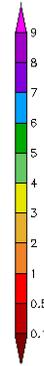
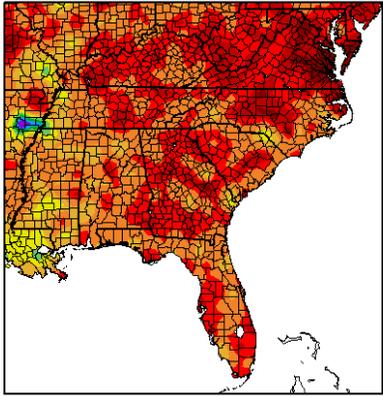
Fields were finally drying up some although we were still receiving afternoon showers. This has allowed planting to near completion. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

Vegetables farmers are finally getting some of their high value crops, such as watermelons, in the ground. We are nearing the end of planting season; but a little rain would get peanuts, soybeans and cotton going in the right direction. Plenty of hay is being cut this year unlike last season when conditions were wetter. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

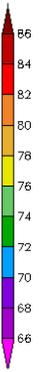
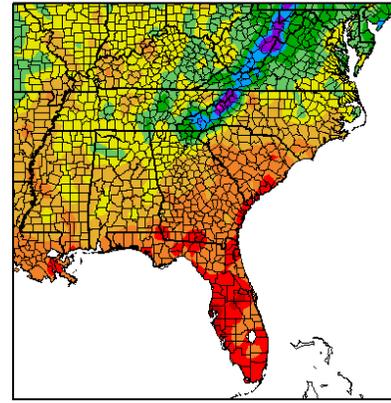
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
6/23/2014 - 6/29/2014



Temperature (F)
6/23/2014 - 6/29/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – June 24, 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	6/24/2014	95.03	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	6/17/2014	95.02	4.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	3/25/2014	78.22	21.78	3.37	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	6/25/2013	77.70	22.30	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.

