



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Crops in the Ground, Condition Mostly Good

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 13, 2014**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Silking	94	87	88	92
Corn Dough	61	42	55	48
Corn Dented	14	7	10	16
Corn Mature	0	na	0	2
Cotton Squaring	68	60	89	75
Cotton Setting Bolls	28	11	15	25
Peanuts Pegging	46	42	58	42
Soybeans Planted	96	93	100	100
Soybeans Emerged	91	83	97	95
Soybeans Blooming	42	35	27	35
Soybeans Setting Pods	11	na	0	7
Winter Wheat Harvested	99	92	99	99

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	12	65	22
Cotton	0	2	32	56	10
Peanuts	0	1	47	38	14
Soybean	0	0	14	71	15
Livestock	1	2	23	60	14
Pasture & Range	1	3	29	54	13

### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	2	10
Short	29	20	34
Adequate	61	68	43
Surplus	7	10	13

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	2	N/A
Short	20	14	N/A
Adequate	70	76	N/A
Surplus	7	8	N/A

### GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 13, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches of rain in Montgomery to 2.60 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 78.2°F in Haleyville to 82.9°F in Montgomery.

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

All crops are finally planted. Some soybeans are really late because of delays in the wheat harvest. Some of the last wheat harvested was of poorer quality resulting in price dockage for producers. Cotton is really late because of these cool spells we are getting. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Widely scattered showers in the region were short lived and provided little relief in an area that is becoming considerably dry. Fall army worm and bermudagrass stem maggot reports increased in some counties. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

A good sweeping rain is needed. Some areas received rain last week, but it was very spotty. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

A mid-week rain over parts of Elmore and Montgomery counties brought some needed moisture. Cotton layby activities were in full swing. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Plant bug treatments have been applied to cotton. Aphid numbers have flared up in Elmore County cotton. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Cotton is immature and needs a perfect growing season to catch up. Peanuts look good considering the delays in planting. Corn looks good. The dry weather these last few weeks has benefited the hay producers. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

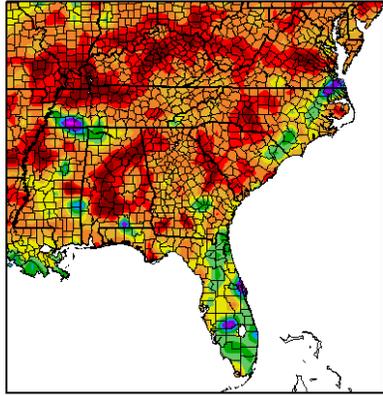
Scattered showers on Thursday brought much need moisture to otherwise stressed crops. About 70 percent of the county received good rainfall last week. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

A number of other reports were received across central and south Alabama indicating dry conditions and the need for rain to benefit crops and pasture.

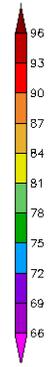
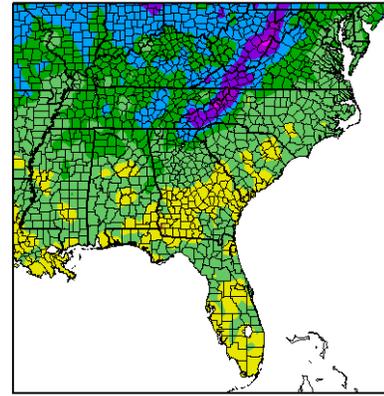
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
7/7/2014 - 7/13/2014



Temperature (F)  
7/7/2014 - 7/13/2014



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## U.S. Drought Monitor – July 8, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

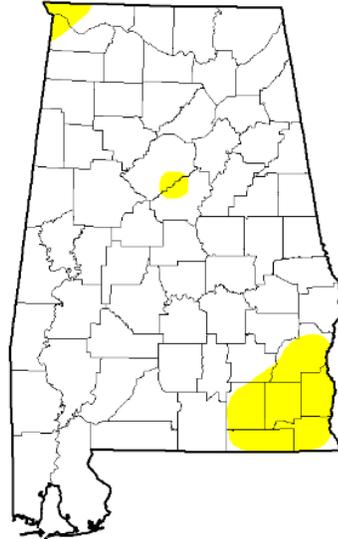
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7/8/2014	91.92	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	7/1/2014	99.27	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	4/8/2014	96.18	3.82	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	7/9/2013	93.04	6.96	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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