



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Showers Welcome, Crops Hold Steady

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 20, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Silking	98	94	94	96
Corn Dough	81	61	63	60
Corn Dented	31	14	19	27
Corn Mature	2	0	0	6
Cotton Squaring	78	68	94	82
Cotton Setting Bolls	43	28	22	39
Peanuts Pegging	63	46	72	51
Soybeans Emerged	97	91	100	98
Soybeans Blooming	49	42	35	47
Soybeans Setting Pods	21	11	5	14

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	0	2	13	63	22
Cotton	0	2	33	55	10
Peanuts	0	1	39	46	14
Soybean	0	0	15	70	15
Livestock	1	2	22	60	15
Pasture & Range	1	3	31	55	10

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	3	8
Short	22	29	26
Adequate	69	61	56
Surplus	6	7	10

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	3	N/A
Short	19	20	N/A
Adequate	73	70	N/A
Surplus	6	7	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 20, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.17 inches of rain in Bessemer to 4.73 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 73.9°F in Muscle Shoals to 79.5°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Rainfall throughout the region was not consistent with some locations receiving little to no rainfall while others received considerable amounts. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Much hay was put up last week. Fertilizer and litter trucks have been on the move. We need a good one inch rain that comes slowly. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Much needed rain fell on Jackson County last week. Crops are looking good for the most part. We have several acres that were drowned out last month. The early corn is made and this rain is really benefitting the late corn and soybeans. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

We had one good shower last week and more fell over the weekend. Temperatures were cooler than normal for the week. Crops look real good right now. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Still in need of rain. - **Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, Chambers, Lee Counties.**

For most row crops, overall condition is good or better for the mid-point of the growing season. Pasture condition is also good. Most areas saw significant rainfall last week. Reports of over 2.0 inches in Montgomery County were common. The service center received 1.0 inches for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County is dry and in need of rain for all crops including pasture. Crop conditions remained unchanged last week. North Monroe County is extremely dry and has not received any rainfall this month. South Monroe has received spotty rains in the evening but not enough to make a difference. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

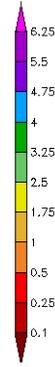
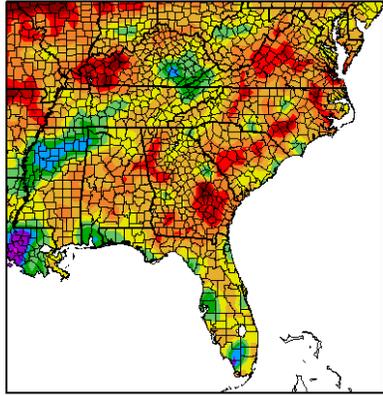
We received a good rain and temperatures were cooler. Hay cutting should resume in a couple of days. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

The water table is still low even though we have received some showers. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

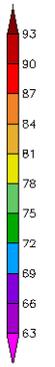
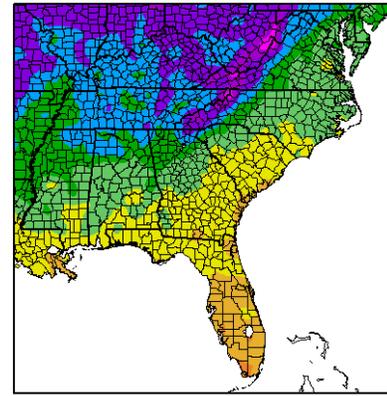
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
7/14/2014 – 7/20/2014



Temperature (F)
7/14/2014 – 7/20/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – July 15, 2014

National Weather Service

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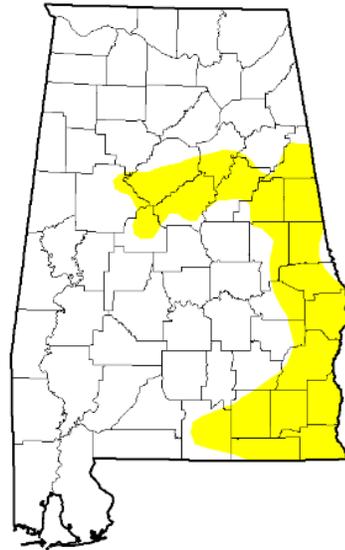
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7/15/2014	78.54	21.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	7/8/2014	91.92	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	4/15/2014	96.02	3.98	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	7/16/2013	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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