



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Overall Crop Progress Slightly Behind Normal

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 27, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dough	92	81	73	74
Corn Dented	52	31	32	41
Corn Mature	10	2	3	11
Corn Harvested	0	na	0	1
Cotton Squaring	86	78	97	87
Cotton Setting Bolls	61	43	50	55
Peanuts Pegging	72	63	83	60
Soybeans Blooming	63	49	45	58
Soybeans Setting Pods	41	21	19	25
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	11	63	24
Cotton	0	2	28	59	11
Peanuts	0	1	32	51	16
Soybean	0	0	12	73	15
Livestock	1	2	23	60	14
Pasture & Range	1	4	29	56	10

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	2	3	9
Short	22	22	29
Adequate	70	69	53
Surplus	6	6	9

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	1	2	N/A
Short	20	19	N/A
Adequate	73	73	N/A
Surplus	6	6	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 27, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches of rain in Haleyville and Muscle Shoals to 2.76 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 76.8°F in Haleyville to 83.0°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Northern portions of the region received scattered, heavy rainfall while other areas received less than one-half inch, if any at all. Pastures and hayfields are showing signs of drought and hot conditions. - **Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

We received a much needed rain over several counties in the area around mid-week. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

We could use a good rain in Jackson County. We experienced only light rain in isolated areas of the county last week. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

A few spotty showers fell in the area early in the week. The remainder of the week brought partly cloudy conditions with temperatures a little below normal. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Last week was dryer over most of the area with only isolated showers. However, an isolated storm dropped 4.3 inches of rain in a little over an hour in the Slapout community. The service center received 0.1 inches for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County received a little rainfall this past week. Crop conditions are good but more rain is needed. Army worms have been a problem due to the dry weather lately. Hay producers were monitoring the situation and stand prepared to spray if needed. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

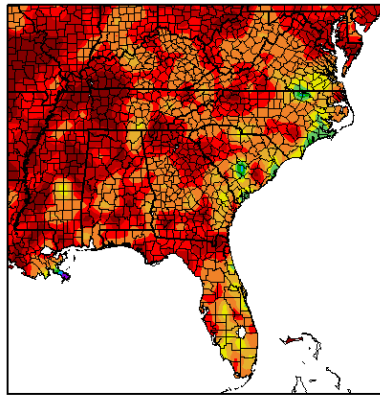
Heavy rains were received in some areas of the county. Hay cutting has been sporadic around showers. At this time, there is plenty of forage for cattle although declining in quality. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

Scattered showers were received around the county. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

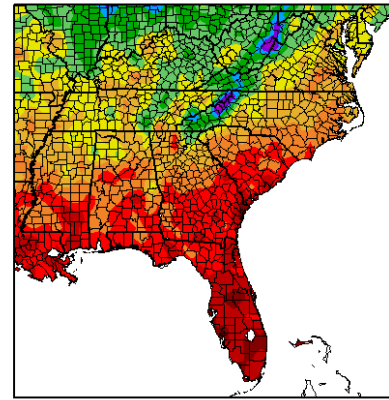
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)
7/21/2014 - 7/27/2014



Temperature (F)
7/21/2014 - 7/27/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – July 22, 2014

National Weather Service

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

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

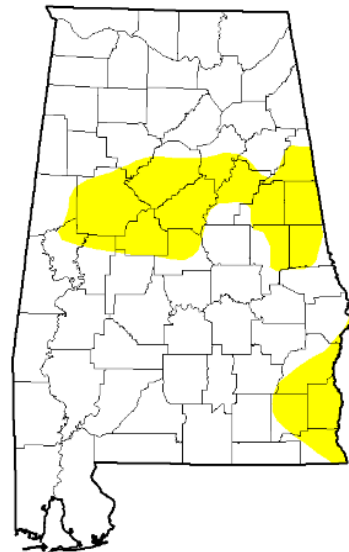
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7/22/2014	81.05	18.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	7/15/2014	78.54	21.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	4/22/2014	94.90	5.10	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	7/23/2013	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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