



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Condition Good, But Need Rain

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 3, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Dough	96	92	82	85
Corn Dented	73	52	45	58
Corn Mature	17	10	6	19
Corn Harvested	0	0	0	2
Cotton Squaring	91	86	98	90
Cotton Setting Bolls	72	61	66	65
Peanuts Pegging	82	72	85	67
Soybeans Blooming	71	63	57	70
Soybeans Setting Pods	53	41	31	38

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Corn	0	2	13	61	24
Cotton	0	2	29	60	9
Peanuts	0	1	31	51	17
Soybean	0	1	19	68	12
Livestock	1	2	23	61	13
Pasture & Range	1	5	33	52	9

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	5	2	9
Short	37	22	26
Adequate	53	70	56
Surplus	5	6	9

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	4	1	N/A
Short	35	20	N/A
Adequate	56	73	N/A
Surplus	5	6	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

for the week ending Sunday, August 3, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches of rain over most of central and south Alabama to 0.30 inches in Haleyville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 72.1°F in Haleyville to 79.7°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

The past week was unseasonably cool for the second time in July. Double crop soybeans behind wheat are needing moisture at this time. - **Shane Seay, FSA CED, Limestone County.**

It has been a very dry week. We need rain badly on double cropped soybeans. The corn crop is going to be very good, but the declining prices are really going to hurt farmers. Cotton needs a rain soon or it may start dropping the bolls. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Temperatures have cooled down some but no rain this past week. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Amyworms and bermudagrass stem maggots were observed in hayfields and forage plots. - **Joshua Elmore, ACES REA, Autauga, Bullock, Chilton, Elmore, Macon, Montgomery, and Russell Counties.**

Most areas experienced only isolated showers through the week. Parts of Coosa and Tallapoosa Counties are considered abnormally dry by the Drought Monitor. Most hay producers have completed their second cutting. The service center received 0.2 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Crops are beginning to need moisture. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

It is getting very dry in our area and we are in need of rain. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties**

We are starting to need rain again. Hay cutting is continuing when possible. Cattle conditions look good. It has been many years since we have had more than enough grass for cattle. Armyworm outbreak is worse this year than in the recent past. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

Only scattered showers were received this past week. Most of the county needs rain as the water table is low. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

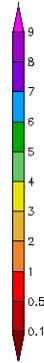
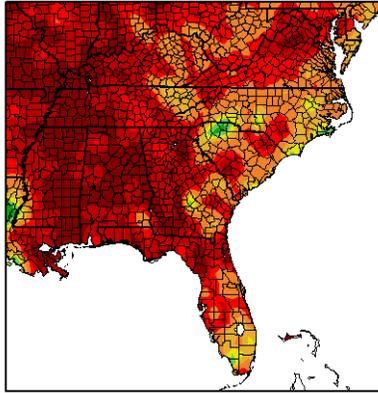
Need rain! - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Field crops are looking good but needed rainfall is critical. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

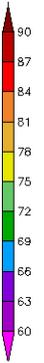
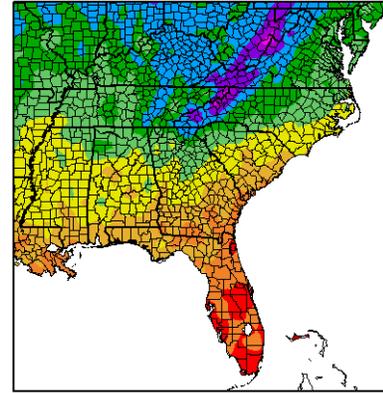
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
7/28/2014 – 8/3/2014



Temperature (F)
7/28/2014 – 8/3/2014



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National Weather Service

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Drought Condition (Percent Area):

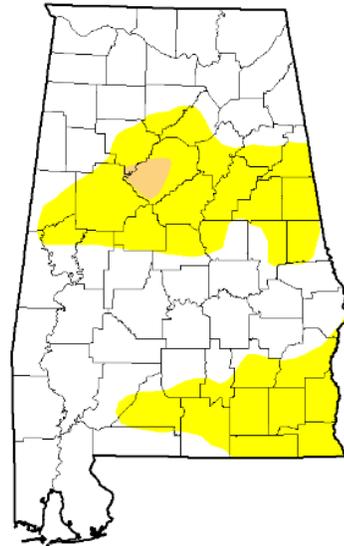
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7/29/2014	67.19	32.81	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	7/22/2014	81.05	18.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	4/29/2014	97.11	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	7/30/2013	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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