



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Weekend Rains Benefit Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 10, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Dented	89	73	55	71
Corn Mature	30	17	9	32
Corn Harvested	2	0	0	4
Cotton Squaring	95	91	99	94
Cotton Setting Bolls	81	72	76	73
Cotton Bolls Opening	1	na	0	3
Peanuts Pegging	86	82	96	77
Soybeans Blooming	78	71	65	78
Soybeans Setting Pods	60	53	40	50
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	0	na	0	2

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	0	3	13	59	25
Cotton	0	5	35	51	9
Peanuts	0	1	34	49	16
Soybean	0	4	21	66	9
Livestock	1	2	24	62	11
Pasture & Range	1	10	33	49	7

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	9	5	7
Short	36	37	24
Adequate	51	53	61
Surplus	4	5	8

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	7	4	N/A
Short	38	35	N/A
Adequate	53	56	N/A
Surplus	2	5	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.2 days suitable for

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fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 10, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.17 inches in Bessemer to 1.48 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 79.0°F in Haleyville to 84.4°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Cotton and soybeans are smiling this morning. We received much needed rain over the weekend. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Following very hot and dry conditions early in the week, widespread rain was a welcome sight in the region at week's end although amounts varied. Fall armyworms have become widespread in the region causing significant damage to hay production. - **Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

We need a good, slow rain or the hay season is over in this area. Pastures are in terrible shape. Producers having calves born this spring with calves still on the cow could be in trouble because of poor pasture quality. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

This week was dry and hot with temperatures near 100° for the last couple of days. Scattered rain is in the forecast. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Much needed rain fell in most areas over the weekend. Corn harvest started on a few farms this past week. The service center received 1.6 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

We received a rainfall of over 2 inches on Saturday. This will prove to be a very valuable rainfall event. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

A much needed rain was received with some areas getting between 1.5 to 2 inches of rain. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties**

It has been hot and dry in many areas. - **Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, Montgomery County.**

Crop conditions are beginning to show some stress due to lack of rainfall. Pastures are also in need of rain. Monroe County is very dry. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

We need a good soaking rain. Popup showers help but not everyone gets them. Grass quality is going down as expected. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

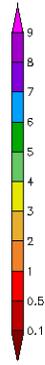
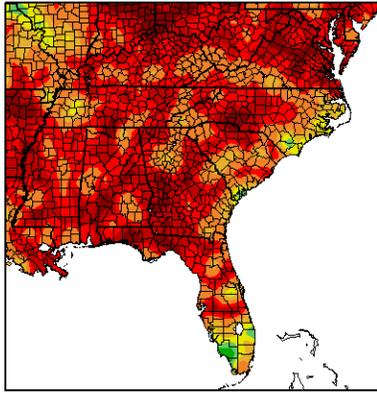
Dryland crops are beginning to wilt due to the lack moisture. Rainfall is critical to crops at this time for adequate maturity. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

Several other reports were received indicating the need for rain.

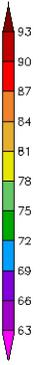
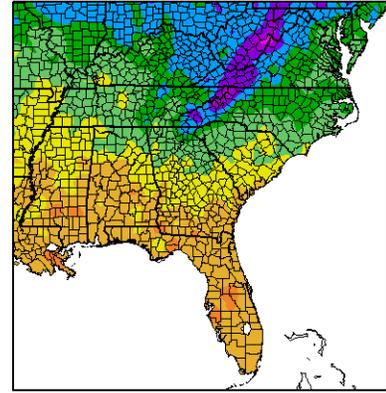
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)
8/3/2014 - 8/9/2014



Temperature (F)
8/3/2014 - 8/9/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – August 5, 2014

National Weather Service

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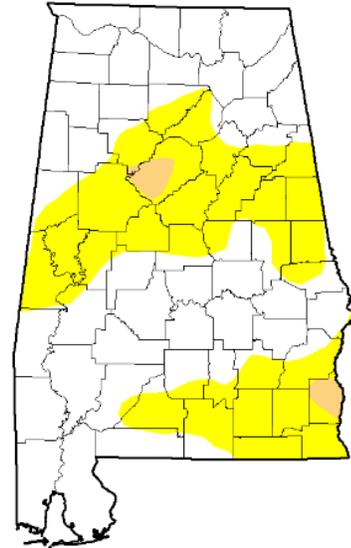
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8/5/2014	62.66	37.34	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	7/29/2014	67.19	32.81	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	5/6/2014	94.68	5.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	8/6/2013	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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