



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Conditions Show Slight Decline

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 17, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Dented	94	89	65	80
Corn Mature	45	30	19	46
Corn Harvested	6	2	0	7
Cotton Setting Bolls	92	81	92	83
Cotton Bolls Opening	4	1	1	8
Peanuts Pegging	94	86	99	85
Soybeans Blooming	84	78	74	86
Soybeans Setting Pods	71	60	49	62
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	7	0	0	4
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	0	3	14	59	24
Cotton	0	7	37	51	5
Peanuts	0	12	43	37	8
Soybean	0	7	25	60	8
Livestock	1	9	20	60	10
Pasture & Range	1	16	28	49	6

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	10	9	8
Short	42	36	23
Adequate	46	51	59
Surplus	2	4	10

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	9	7	N/A
Short	42	38	N/A
Adequate	48	53	N/A
Surplus	1	2	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 17, 2014.

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

Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in Bessemer to 1.57 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 75.0°F in Muscle Shoals to 80.5°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Conditions are dry in most areas. If rain is not received soon, then crop conditions could be significantly impacted. Moderate frogeye leaf spot infestations have been observed in many soybean fields. Fungicides have been applied in most cases. - **Eric Schavey, ACES REA, Franklin County.**

It is very dry, but recent mild temperatures have prevented conditions from deteriorating more. Our soybeans need rain, especially those double cropped. - **Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, Madison and Morgan Counties.**

Cotton is looking good and double crop soybeans are really starting to grow. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Hot, dry conditions persist. Cattle producers in some areas may run short of hay if rain is not received soon. Fall army worms are wreaking havoc in the dry areas. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

The rain received in Jackson County will really help the soybeans, cotton, pastures and hay crops. Most crops look good to excellent except for the drowned out and wet areas. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Corn harvest progressed this week with most areas having little rain until over the weekend. Most row crops are generally looking good at this point in the season. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

It is getting really dry - very little measurable rain in over 3 weeks. - **Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, Fayette County.**

Pastures, as well as all crops in Monroe County need some rain. Rainfall has been spotty throughout the last month. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Only scattered showers were received last week. Pastures still need more rain. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

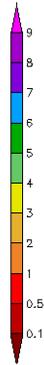
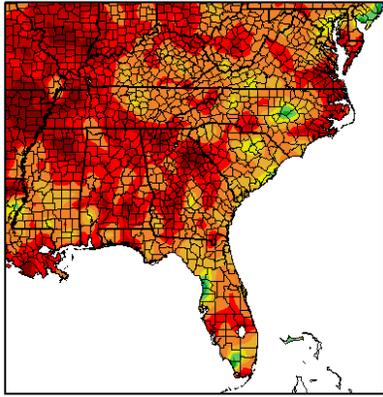
We still need rainfall across whole county. Armyworms are bad in pastures and hay fields. Corn harvest began and yields look to be good. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Several other reports were received highlighting the dry conditions and indicating the need for rain.

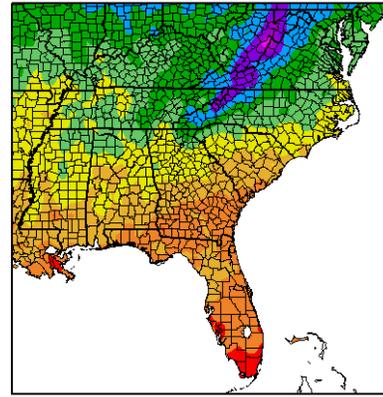
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
8/10/2014 - 8/16/2014



Temperature (F)
8/10/2014 - 8/16/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – August 12, 2014

National Weather Service

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Drought Condition (Percent Area):

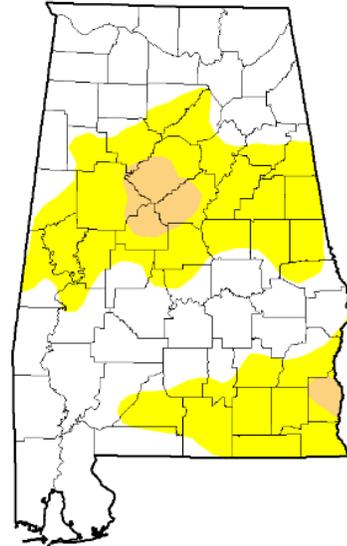
Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8/12/2014	59.18	40.82	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	8/5/2014	62.66	37.34	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	5/13/2014	91.14	8.86	2.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	8/13/2013	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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