



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Hot, Dry Conditions Persist Across State

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 31, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	75	55	46	73
Corn Harvested	21	8	5	21
Cotton Bolls Opening	18	9	8	23
Soybeans Blooming	95	89	83	94
Soybeans Setting Pods	86	79	69	81
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	24	11	3	12

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	14	56	27
Cotton	0	8	37	50	5
Peanuts	0	16	44	31	9
Soybeans	0	3	26	59	12
Livestock	1	8	21	60	10
Pasture & Range	3	18	30	43	6

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	17	11	10
Short	41	43	27
Adequate	40	44	57
Surplus	2	2	6

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	18	10	N/A
Short	39	42	N/A
Adequate	42	47	N/A
Surplus	1	1	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 31, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches in Brewton and Geneva to 2.19 inches in Guntersville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 75.5°F in Opelika to 82.4°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Scattered showers across the region brought little relief from the drought and heat this past week. Fall army worms continued to devastate pastures and hayfields. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Corn harvest is just starting with high expectations on yields. A few group 3 soybeans have been harvested. Hopefully, we will have yield data next week on corn and soybeans. Most of the county received a good rain over the weekend. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

We experienced mostly dry, hot weather for the week. Only a few areas received significant rainfall. Cotton bolls were beginning to open rapidly with some fields at 30-40%. The service center received no rainfall for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Very dry. Desperately need rain. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties**

We are still badly in need of a good soaking rain. Hay cutting is still ongoing. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

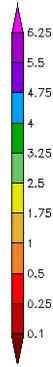
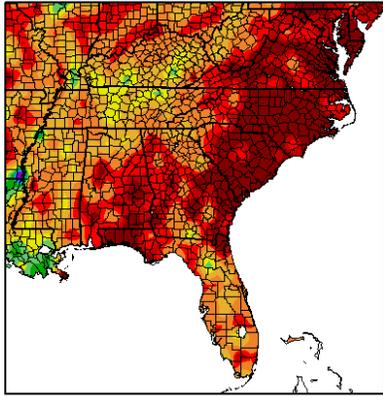
The area is in desperate need of moisture and if we don't get a good rain soon, losses will begin to mount up for dry land producers. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

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

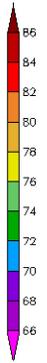
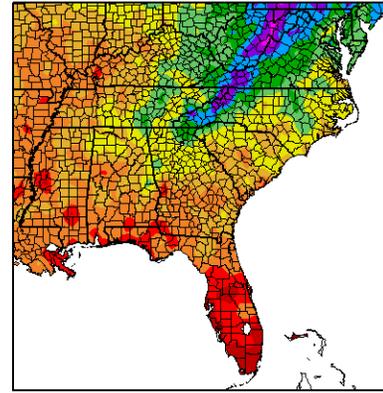
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
8/26/2014 - 9/1/2014



Temperature (F)
8/26/2014 - 9/1/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – August 26, 2014

National Weather Service

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

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

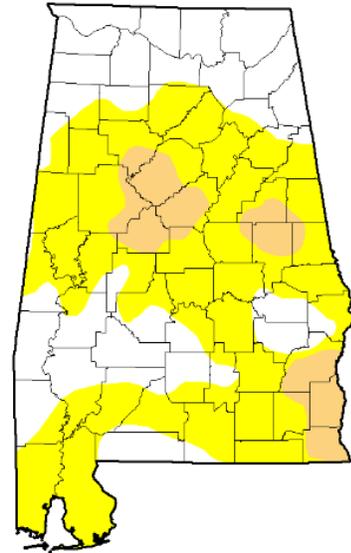
Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8/26/2014	36.66	63.34	10.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	8/19/2014	54.84	45.16	4.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	5/27/2014	91.80	8.20	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	8/27/2013	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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