



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Conditions Unchanged, Weather Pattern Continues

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 7, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	90	75	71	85
Corn Harvested	31	21	15	31
Cotton Bolls Opening	27	18	18	34
Soybeans Setting Pods	92	86	74	86
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	33	24	8	20
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	14	56	27
Cotton	0	9	36	50	5
Peanuts	0	19	45	29	7
Soybeans	0	2	26	60	12
Livestock	1	8	21	60	10
Pasture & Range	4	18	31	41	6

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	16	17	10
Short	35	41	24
Adequate	47	40	60
Surplus	2	2	6

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	17	18	N/A
Short	36	39	N/A
Adequate	46	42	N/A
Surplus	1	1	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 7, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in Mobile to 2.02 inches in Bessemer. Average mean temperatures ranged from 78.8°F in Haleyville to 83.6°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Bermuda pasture has been under some pressure lately from fall armyworm attack. - **Shane Seay, FSA CED, Limestone County.**

Corn harvest is under way with reports of very good yields. High humidity is slowing the drying process. Producers without dryers are having to wait to start harvesting. We had some spotty showers Monday but double crop soybeans are hurting very badly for some soaking rain. Cotton is opening and looking good. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Additional rain fell last week with areas of the county receiving up to 3 inches. This rain stopped corn and soybean harvest for a few days. More rain is forecasted for this weekend. Preliminary yield data for corn and soybeans is very good. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Conditions are getting extremely dry but rain chances are good for the next 7 days. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

Scattered to numerous showers were common this week as corn harvest progressed slowly. The service center received 0.8 inches of rain for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Crops are showing signs of stress due to lack of rainfall. - **Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, Mobile County.**

Monroe County remains dry in most areas. We continued to get sparse rains every afternoon last week. As a result, some cotton has suffered and pastures are still dry. Corn has been harvested and we have had reports of good yields. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

We finally received some rain in Covington County and need more to get moisture back into the soil and promote good forage recovery. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

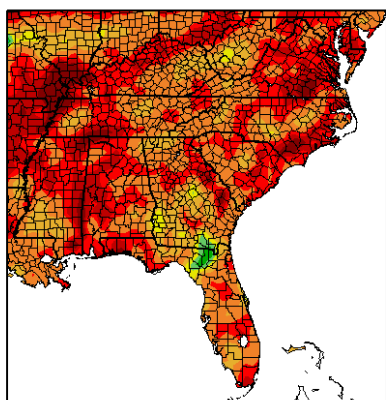
Widely scattered showers fell over the last week; but amounts were not very substantial in the county. Peanuts, cotton, soybeans and pastures are suffering drought conditions. Hopefully we will receive enough rain to reverse the current conditions. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

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

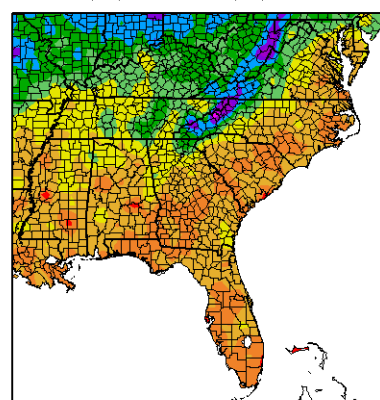
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)
9/1/2014 - 9/7/2014



Temperature (F)
9/1/2014 - 9/7/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – September 2, 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	2014-09-02	34.99	65.01	10.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-08-26	36.66	63.34	10.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-06-03	87.14	12.86	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	2013-12-31	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	2013-10-01	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	2013-09-03	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **798,485**

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Intensity:

D0 - Abnormally Dry

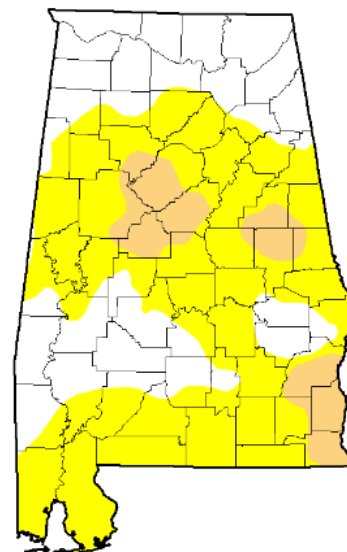
D1 - Moderate Drought

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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