



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Harvest Advances as Dry Weather Persists

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 28, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Harvested	79	68	61	74
Cotton Bolls Opening	75	65	54	67
Cotton Harvested	13	4	0	6
Peanuts Dug	29	13	21	20
Peanuts Combined	11	5	7	8
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	71	61	41	53
Soybeans Harvested	18	12	3	7
Wheat Planted	0	0	3	3
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
	Percent				
Cotton	1	16	31	47	5
Peanuts	4	22	38	29	7
Soybeans	0	2	25	61	12
Livestock	1	9	22	59	9
Pasture & Range	6	17	35	36	6

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	22	19	12
Short	41	36	20
Adequate	36	43	56
Surplus	1	2	12

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	20	18	N/A
Short	41	36	N/A
Adequate	39	45	N/A
Surplus	0	1	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 28, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches over most of the state to 0.91 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 69.1°F in Haleyville to 73.3°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Dry! Dry! Dry! Double cropped soybeans are hurting. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

A relatively cool but dry week favored most farmers working in the field. Some hay was cut and baled; perhaps the last cutting of the year. Other activities included weed control and planting winter forages. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Cotton harvest progressed to full swing with early dryland yields reported to be 750-800 lbs/ac. Scattered rain showers were common this week but did not benefit all. The Service Center received 0.4 inches for the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Rain is needed badly for pastures and planting of winter grazing. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties**

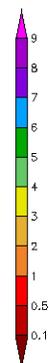
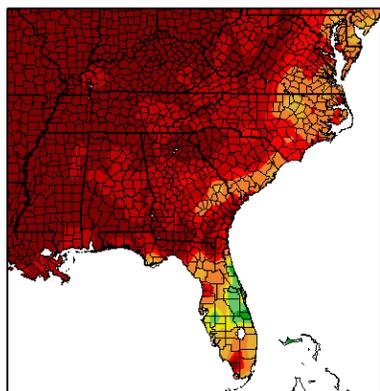
Need rainfall to dig peanuts and plant winter grazing. Early peanut and cotton yields are poor. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Other reports received indicated the continued need for rain.

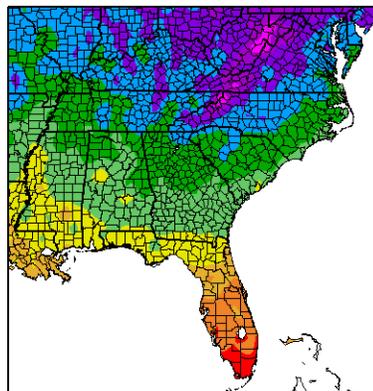
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/22/2014 - 9/28/2014



Temperature (F)
9/22/2014 - 9/28/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – September 23, 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	2014-09-23	37.03	62.97	11.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-09-16	37.03	62.97	10.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-06-24	95.03	4.97	0.00	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	2013-09-24	92.90	7.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

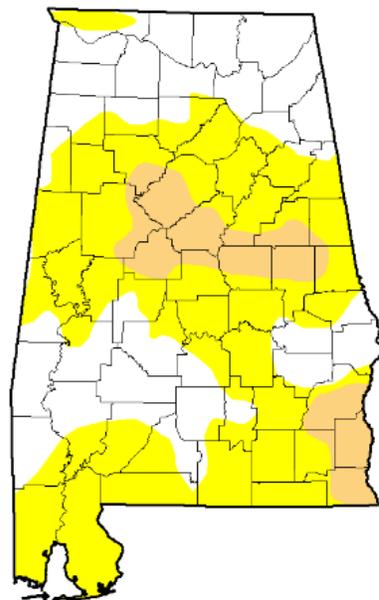
Population Affected by Drought: **843,631**

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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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