



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Weekend Rain Welcome, But More Needed

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 5, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Harvested	90	79	NA	81
Cotton Bolls Opening	83	75	NA	77
Cotton Harvested	23	13	NA	12
Peanuts Dug	43	29	NA	31
Peanuts Combined	22	11	NA	17
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	80	71	NA	65
Soybeans Harvested	26	18	NA	14
Wheat Planted	3	0	NA	6
Wheat Emerged	0	0	NA	1

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Cotton	1	15	32	47	5
Peanuts	6	21	37	29	7
Soybeans	0	2	25	61	12
Livestock	1	9	24	58	8
Pasture & Range	6	19	43	28	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	21	22	12
Short	38	41	19
Adequate	39	36	60
Surplus	2	1	9

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	20	20	N/A
Short	40	41	N/A
Adequate	39	39	N/A
Surplus	1	0	N/A

Special Note: Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 5, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.43 inches in Huntsville to 1.30 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 67.2°F in Anniston to 71.1°F in Montgomery.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

We received about one-half inch of rain last week but it was so dry it went away very quickly. It will, however, help double crop beans. Cotton picking should begin soon. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

We received a good rain last Thursday night. It will help with fescue and winter grazing. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Early maturing varieties of soybeans are continuing to provide outstanding yields - in the 60 and 70 bushel/acre range. Double crop soybeans should yield a little less due to the dry weather we have experienced for the past three weeks. Corn harvest is nearing completion with outstanding yields for the most part. Cotton harvest should begin next week - very good yields are projected. Rain fell over the majority of the county last Friday morning with most areas getting 1.30 inches. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

A mostly dry week allowed cotton and peanut producers to make progress with harvest and defoliation applications. Early planted soybean harvest was gearing up also. The Service Center received 0.3 inches for the week. **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

The water table is still low and pastures are being affected. The grounds is too dry and hard to dig peanuts at this point. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.**

We need a rain across all crops. We are still waiting for rain to plant small grains for grazing. Peanut harvest is well underway. Cotton is also being harvested. Yields are variable on both crops. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

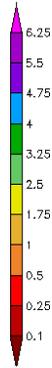
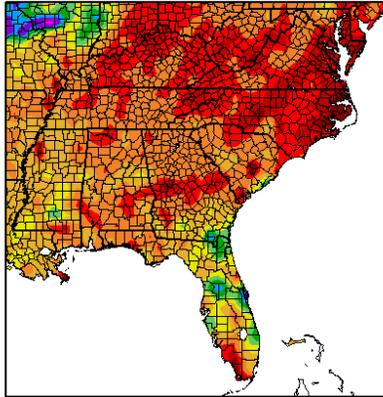
Peanut harvesting is just about two weeks later than normal, which puts most of the cotton in a waiting mode. Some cotton has been defoliated; but little, if any, has been harvested. The rain over the weekend was needed as the soils are very dry. More rainfall would also help pastures and hayfields. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

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

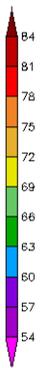
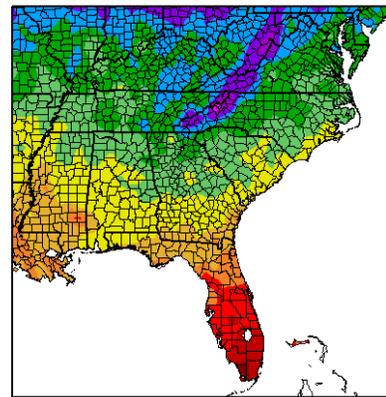
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/29/2014 - 10/5/2014



Temperature (F)
9/29/2014 - 10/5/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – September 30, 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	2014-09-30	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-09-23	37.03	62.97	11.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-07-01	99.27	0.73	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	2013-10-01	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

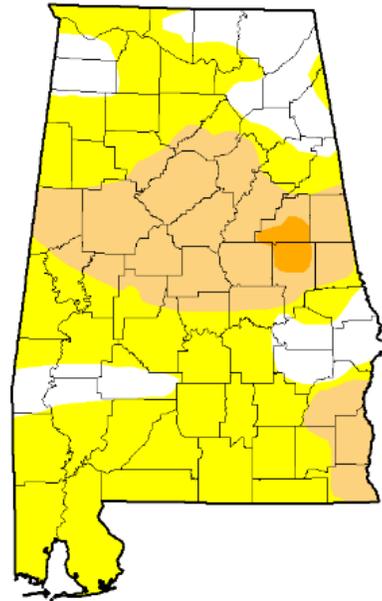
Population Affected by Drought: **1,686,012**

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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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