



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Harvest at a Standstill

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 19, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | | | |
| Corn Harvested | 97 | 95 | 91 | 90 |
| Cotton Bolls Opening | 92 | 87 | 89 | 89 |
| Cotton Harvested | 35 | 29 | 18 | 29 |
| Peanuts Dug | 76 | 65 | 68 | 59 |
| Peanuts Combined | 60 | 35 | 50 | 42 |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 93 | 86 | 86 | 86 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 43 | 37 | 23 | 32 |
| Wheat Planted | 11 | 7 | 14 | 14 |
| Wheat Emerged | 4 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| N/A =Not Available | | | | |

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | |
| Cotton | 1 | 13 | 31 | 49 | 6 |
| Peanuts | 5 | 22 | 39 | 28 | 6 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 2 | 25 | 61 | 12 |
| Livestock | 1 | 9 | 22 | 60 | 8 |
| Pasture & Range | 5 | 19 | 43 | 29 | 4 |

SOIL MOISTURE

| Topsoil | This Week | Previous Week | 5-Year Average |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Short | 11 | 20 | 16 |
| Short | 27 | 32 | 21 |
| Adequate | 55 | 44 | 50 |
| Surplus | 7 | 4 | 13 |

| Subsoil | This Week | Previous Week | 5-Year Average |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Short | 12 | 19 | N/A |
| Short | 32 | 39 | N/A |
| Adequate | 46 | 40 | N/A |
| Surplus | 10 | 2 | N/A |

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 19, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.27 inches in Mobile to 3.49 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 61.5°F in Haleyville to 67.1°F in Montgomery and Greensboro.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Jackson County received over 6 inches of rain last week. Crop harvest has come to a standstill, and yields continued to impress.

– **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County**

Some areas received over 3 inches of rain this week, but the region was still short on moisture.

– **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Green, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties**

Excellent rains this past week. Many cool season forages were ready for fertilization.

- **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monday's storm blew some cotton out, but the ground soaked up 1.7 inches of rain that fell quickly.

– **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station**

Farmers were waiting to get back in the fields due to Houston County receiving good rainfall this past week.

- **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County**

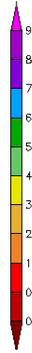
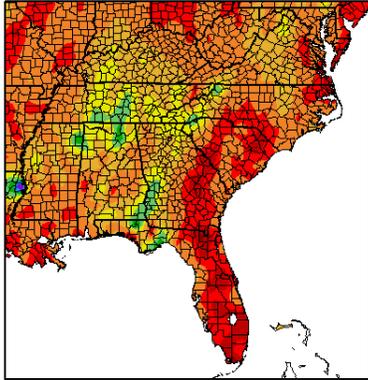
Henry County received some much needed rain, which enabled plantings of small grains for forage. Crop harvest for peanut and cotton were past the half way point. Yields for both crops were poor.

- **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County**

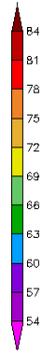
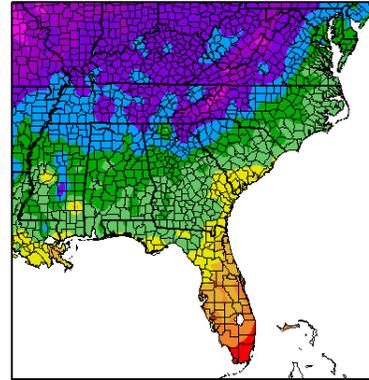
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/13/2014 – 10/19/2014



Temperature (F)
10/13/2014 – 10/19/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – October 14, 2014

National Weather Service

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

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

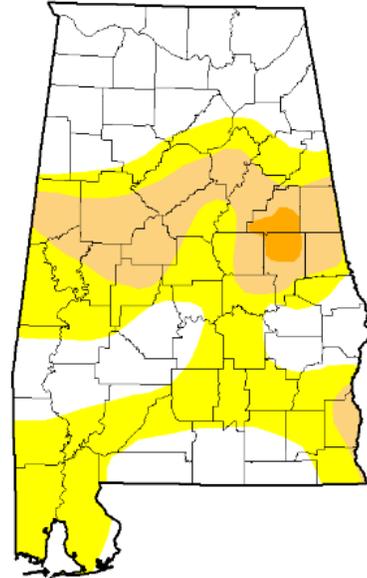
| Week | Date | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 2014-10-14 | 44.24 | 55.76 | 17.23 | 1.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week | 2014-10-07 | 24.74 | 75.26 | 26.99 | 1.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago | 2014-07-15 | 78.54 | 21.46 | 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 | 2014-09-30 | 17.21 | 82.79 | 26.99 | 1.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago | 2013-10-15 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Population Affected by Drought: **1,017,456**

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Intensity:

- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought
- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought



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