



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Near Perfect Weather for Harvesting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 26, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	92	94	93
Cotton Harvested	54	35	28	40
Peanuts Dug	85	76	84	70
Peanuts Combined	72	60	73	56
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	97	93	93	92
Soybeans Harvested	62	43	36	43
Wheat Planted	24	11	24	22
Wheat Emerged	14	4	12	7
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
	Percent				
Cotton	1	12	32	47	8
Soybeans	0	2	30	60	8
Winter Wheat	1	4	34	60	1
Livestock	1	9	22	60	8
Pasture & Range	5	21	43	27	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	12	11	15
Short	34	27	24
Adequate	51	55	53
Surplus	3	7	8

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	10	12	N/A
Short	40	32	N/A
Adequate	49	46	N/A
Surplus	1	10	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, October 26, 2014. Average mean temperatures ranged from 59.3°F in Anniston to 63.7°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Crop harvest was progressing at a good pace.
- **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County**

Winter grazing and forages need rain.

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

While rain may be needed, conditions were excellent for harvest this week.

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

Peanut harvest was nearly complete with less than 20% left in the fields. Cotton harvest was approaching the half-way mark. Cotton yields were looking better than first thought.

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

Dry conditions persist in Henry County. Harvest of peanuts and cotton were moving along with reports of poor yields.

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

Marion and Winston County have not received rainfall since 2 weeks ago. Soybean and cotton harvest were moving along, and yields on both crops were good.

- **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston County**

Nearly perfect fall weather this week. Much progress was made in cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest.

- **Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties**

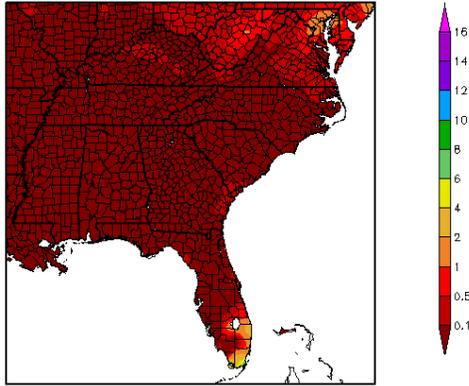
Cotton and peanut yields ranged from average to above average. Current dry conditions are great for harvesting but not favorable for pasture conditions.

- **Karen McDonald Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County**

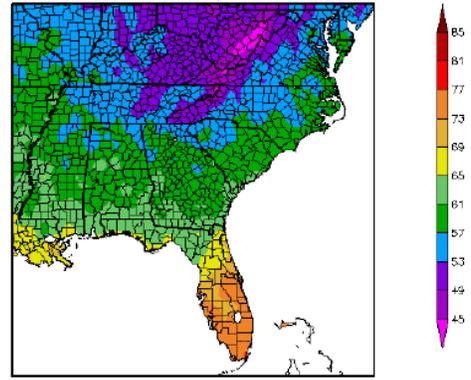
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/20/2014 - 10/26/2014



Temperature (F)
10/20/2014 - 10/26/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – October 21, 2014

National Weather Service

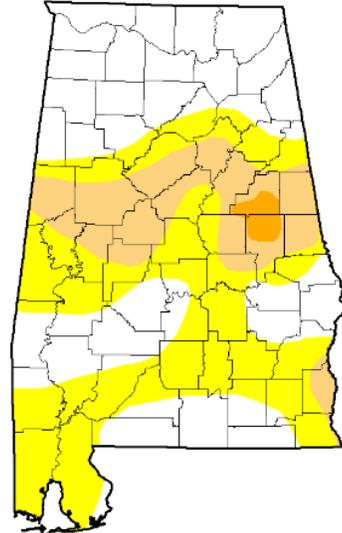
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2014-10-21	44.24	55.76	17.23	1.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-10-14	44.24	55.76	17.23	1.25	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-07-22	81.05	18.95	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	2013-10-22	92.98	7.02	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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