



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Harvest Continues as Temperatures Cool

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 2, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Cotton Bolls Opening	96	95	95	95
Cotton Harvested	65	54	34	50
Peanuts Dug	90	85	89	78
Peanuts Combined	81	72	84	65
Soybeans Harvested	74	62	44	55
Wheat Planted	37	24	29	30
Wheat Emerged	23	14	16	14

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Cotton	1	12	32	47	8
Winter Wheat	1	4	40	54	1
Livestock	1	9	23	60	7
Pasture & Range	6	22	43	25	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	14	12	13
Short	36	34	28
Adequate	48	51	51
Surplus	2	3	8

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	12	10	N/A
Short	40	40	N/A
Adequate	47	49	N/A
Surplus	1	1	N/A

GENERAL: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 2, 2014. Average mean temperatures ranged from 54.4°F in Anniston to 60.8°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

A very beneficial and timely rain came this week to give cool season pastures a boost. Winter grazing has been very slow to grow with the dry conditions. Frost at the end of the week took out remaining warm season forages leaving cool season pastures as the primary source of forage nutrition.

- **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, & St. Clair County**

Cotton and soybean harvest is progressing at a good pace with both crops yielding very good. We had a killing freeze this past weekend. Looks like a good bit of winter wheat will be planted this fall.

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

In need of rain for winter grazing.

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

Cotton and soybean harvest is winding down. Still not enough rain to plant wheat.

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

Peanuts are almost harvested, cotton is not far behind.

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

No rain from last front, we are very dry. Winter grazing is in desperate need of rain and hay feeding has started.

- **Bryan Derek, ACES CEC, Creshaw County**

Got a small rain in the middle of the week and that got the winter wheat coming up and helped pasture. The frost Friday night finished up the vegetables for the year except for greens. Soybean harvest is going good.

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

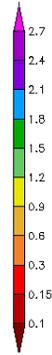
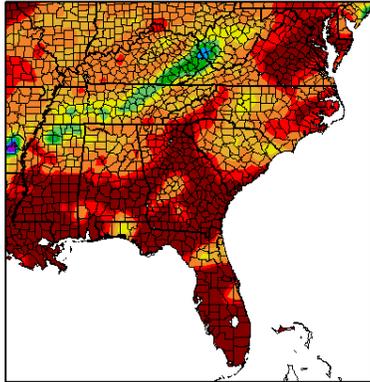
Mid week rain showers over most of the area brought a halt to field work for a day, and most areas experienced the first frost of the season over the weekend with pasture conditions already stressed from little rainfall. Cotton and soybean harvest continued to progress. The service center received 0.2 inches of rain for the week.

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

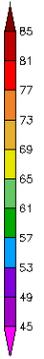
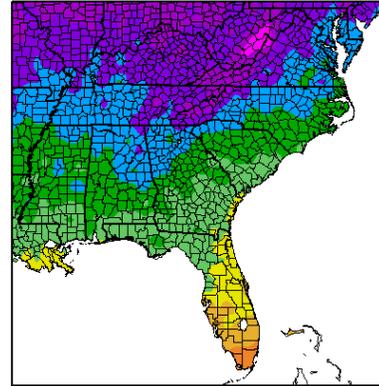
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/27/2014 - 11/2/2014



Temperature (F)
10/27/2014 - 11/2/2014



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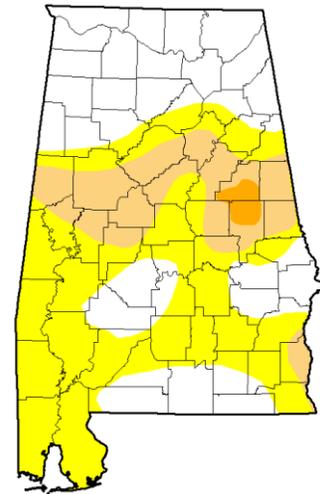
U.S. Drought Monitor – October 28, 2014

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	2014-10-28	39.41	60.59	17.23	1.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-10-21	44.24	55.76	17.23	1.25	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-07-29	67.19	32.81	0.95	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	2013-10-29	76.43	23.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



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