



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Dry Conditions - Aids Harvest / Hampers Seeding

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 9, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	77	65	55	62
Peanuts Dug	96	90	94	84
Peanuts Combined	89	81	89	74
Soybeans Harvested	79	74	69	69
Wheat Planted	50	37	45	42
Wheat Emerged	30	23	24	20
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	1	4	42	52	1
Livestock	1	9	25	58	7
Pasture & Range	7	23	41	25	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	15	14	13
Short	37	36	28
Adequate	45	48	53
Surplus	3	2	6

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	14	12	N/A
Short	39	40	N/A
Adequate	45	47	N/A
Surplus	2	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 9, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches over most of central and south Alabama to 1.26 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 52.6°F in Haleyville to 58.3°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS: We are seeing a large increase in fall canola acreage being planted at this time. - **Shane Seay, FSA CED, Limestone County.**

Winter wheat is off to a really good start. The harvest for the rest of the crops is winding down. Cattle producers are hoping that recent rains will help pastures get some growth before the really cold weather gets here. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Another dry week leaves cool season pastures starving for moisture. The transition of warm season forages to dormancy leaves many pastures with little to offer forcing some livestock producers to feed hay and other supplementation to carry animals until winter pastures become productive. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

The majority of the cotton harvest is finished. Preparations for winter wheat planting are underway with dry and chilly conditions through most of the week. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Small grain test plots were planted into dry ground. Cover crops will be planted next week. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Monroe County cotton and peanuts yields are average to good, in spite of the dry weather conditions. Yields are poor in parts of the county that received little to no rain. Pasture conditions are very poor. Producers who have planted winter grazing reported that dry weather has caused them to replant or wait on rain before replanting. Some have had to start supplemental feeding of their cattle. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Hay is being fed to livestock. We need a good steady rain badly!!!!!!- **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County.**

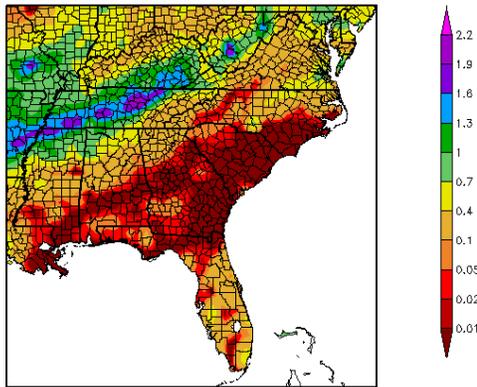
Dry - need some rain. Harvest is coming to a close on peanuts and at the half-way point on cotton. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Peanut yields and grades are reflecting the effects of lack of rainfall during the critical fruiting stages. Cotton and soybeans are a mixed bag with yields from as low as 15 bushels and as high as 90 bushels an acre. The lack of adequate rainfall is also beginning to show up in winter crop stands. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

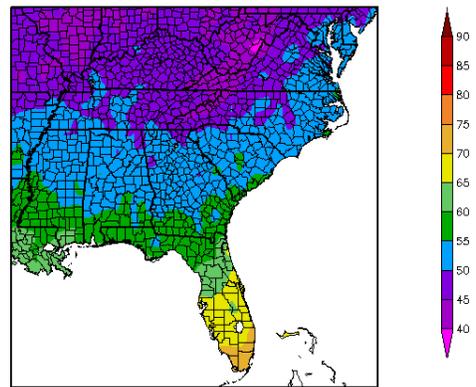
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
11/3/2014 – 11/9/2014



Temperature (F)
11/3/2014 – 11/9/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – November 4, 2014

National Weather Service

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Drought Condition (Percent Area):

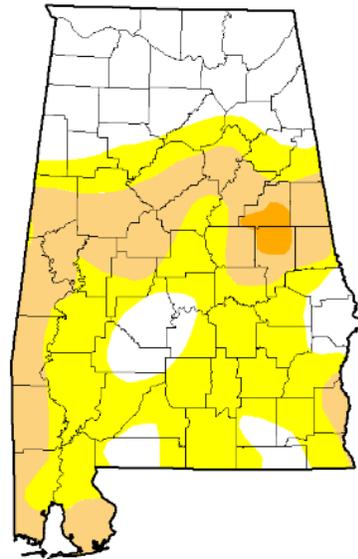
Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2014-11-04	32.61	67.39	25.94	1.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-10-28	39.41	60.59	17.23	1.25	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-08-05	62.66	37.34	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	2013-12-31	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	2014-09-30	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	2013-11-05	57.89	42.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **1,404,237**

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Intensity:

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



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