



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Late Week Front Brings Much Needed Rain

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 16, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Cotton Harvested	82	77	77	75
Peanuts Dug	97	96	97	88
Peanuts Combined	91	89	94	80
Soybeans Harvested	89	79	82	80
Wheat Planted	64	50	60	53
Wheat Emerged	40	30	33	27
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Winter Wheat	1	6	38	54	1
Livestock	1	9	26	57	7
Pasture & Range	7	25	39	25	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	17	15	13
Short	30	37	30
Adequate	48	45	50
Surplus	5	3	7

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	15	14	N/A
Short	30	39	N/A
Adequate	51	45	N/A
Surplus	4	2	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 16, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches in Greensboro and Montgomery to 3.45 inches in Anniston. Average mean temperatures ranged from 43.1°F in Haleyville to 50.4°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Large amounts of rainfall were received in North Alabama on Sunday. Extreme cold is expected for the week beginning 11/17/14. - **Eric Schavey, ACES REA, Franklin County.**

The coldest weather of the season took warm season grasses totally out of the picture this week. Continued dry conditions have prevented cool season forages from picking up the slack. Many farmers are feeding hay or other sources of nutrition to livestock. Significant moisture is required with mild temperatures in order for cool season forages to begin to meet grazing needs. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.**

Raining as I submit this report--slow, steady rain.- **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Jackson County received over one inch of rain in the last 24 hours. Crop harvest is almost complete. Crop yields for corn, cotton and soybeans may be the best on record. Pastures are a little short due to the cold and dry weather we've had for the past few weeks. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

A late week front brought much needed rain to most areas. Cotton harvest is all but complete. A few fields of soybeans are yet to be combined. The Service Center received 0.6 inches of rain for the week.- **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Cotton harvest is quickly coming to an end. The cold snap is making life miserable. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

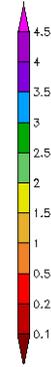
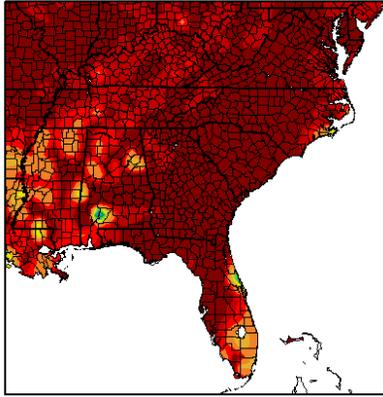
Sunday brought some much needed rain. Most cattle producers are already feeding hay daily. - **Brenda Glover, ACES REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties.**

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

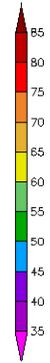
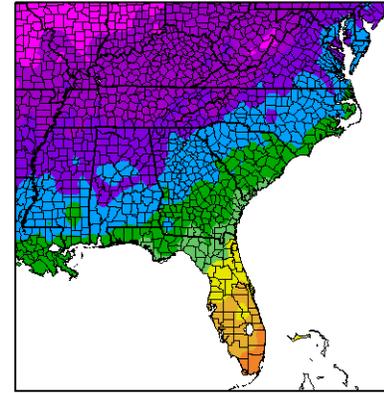
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
11/10/2014 - 11/16/2014



Temperature (F)
11/10/2014 - 11/16/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – November 11, 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	2014-11-11	29.49	70.51	27.08	1.77	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-11-04	32.61	67.39	25.94	1.25	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-08-12	59.18	40.82	4.04	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	2013-11-12	54.32	45.68	5.05	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **1,552,168**

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Intensity:

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

