



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Row Crop Harvest Nearing Completion

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 23, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
Cotton Harvested	88	82	87	83
Peanuts Combined	96	91	99	87
Soybeans Harvested	95	89	91	87
Wheat Planted	75	64	72	64
Wheat Emerged	58	40	44	38
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	1	8	35	54	2
Livestock	1	9	26	56	8
Pasture & Range	6	23	41	26	4

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	11	17	11
Short	28	30	29
Adequate	50	48	53
Surplus	11	5	7

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	10	15	N/A
Short	28	30	N/A
Adequate	56	51	N/A
Surplus	6	4	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 23, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.95 inches in Mobile to 3.50 inches in Greensboro. Average mean temperatures ranged from 44.1°F in Muscle Shoals to 51.0°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

Good rains earlier this week brought much needed relief to winter crops. However, extremely low temperatures caused some damage especially to greens such as turnips and collards. More rain was needed for Houston County.

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

Warmer weather coupled with recent rainfall should give cool season forages a boost. However, pastures were behind schedule forcing producers to feed hay.

– **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Farmers in Jackson County have been blessed this year with a bountiful harvest.

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

Crenshaw County received damaging storms that produced heavy rainfall. Harvest season was nearing completion and this week produced great weather for combining soybeans and picking cotton.

– **Derek Bryan, ACES CEC, Crenshaw County**

Covington County received some beneficial rainfall, and there were reports of frost.

– **Charles Simon, ACES CEC, Covington County**

Winter grazing was beginning to get adequate moisture.

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

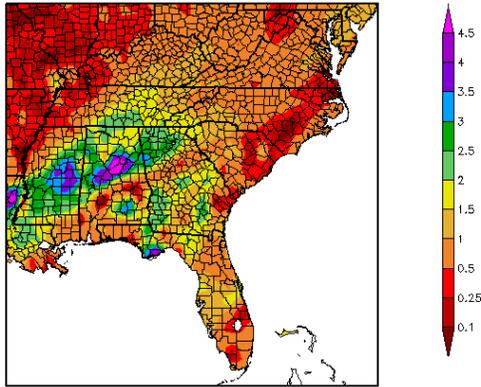
Several other reports were received highlighting recent cold temperatures and heavy rainfall.



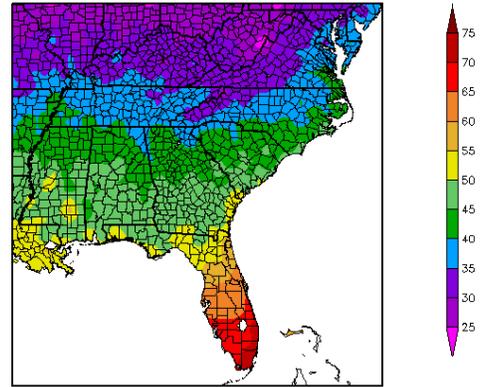
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
11/17/2014 - 11/23/2014



Temperature (F)
11/17/2014 - 11/23/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor – November 18, 2014

National Weather Service

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

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

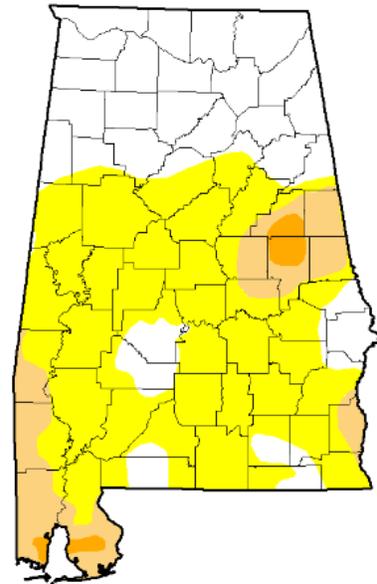
Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2014-11-18	35.41	64.59	12.84	1.58	0.00	0.00
Last Week	2014-11-11	29.49	70.51	27.08	1.77	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2014-08-19	54.84	45.16	4.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	2013-12-31	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	2014-09-30	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	2013-11-19	54.14	45.86	5.05	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **659,973**

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Intensity:

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



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