



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Spring Fieldwork Underway

**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 5, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.20 inches of rain in Mobile, to 3.39 inches in Anniston. Average mean temperatures ranged from 61.0°F in Muscle Shoals, to 69.5°F in Mobile.

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Currently a surplus of moisture exists with more rain likely this week. While some farmers have been able to plant corn in between showers, many have been unable to get equipment into saturated fields. - **Eric Schavey, ACES REA, Franklin County.**

It is still very wet. Corn planting is going very slow and is behind schedule. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion, Winston Counties.**

Jackson County experienced a light frost on 4/4/2015. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Cool season annuals are growing good. We need two weeks without rain so fields can be fertilized. Cooler temperatures last weekend may have stunted growth of Bahia and Bermuda. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Corn planting is slow due to wet field conditions. Burn down for cotton and soybeans is progressing between rain showers. - **Jeffery Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore & Tallapoosa Counties.**

Field work activities included preparation and planting. We are seeing a good deal of corn planting going on. Some commercial vegetables are being planted but primarily under plastic. Most farmers are somewhat behind their normal timetable. Soil moisture is good right now but a good rain will be needed as we go in full planting mode. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

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

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 5, 2015**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	16	NA	26	32
Cotton Planted	0	NA	0	1
Winter Wheat Headed	8	NA	4	17
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	0	1	29	59	11
Cattle	0	5	25	59	11
Pasture & Range	1	10	41	42	6

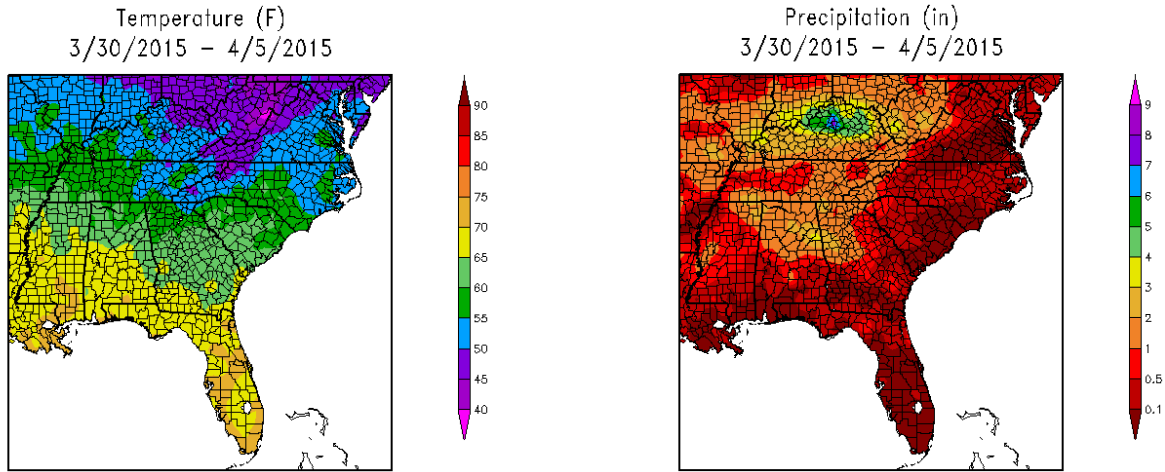
### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	3	1	1
Short	10	2	6
Adequate	63	67	73
Surplus	24	30	20

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	1	1	NA
Short	6	2	NA
Adequate	73	69	NA
Surplus	20	28	NA

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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



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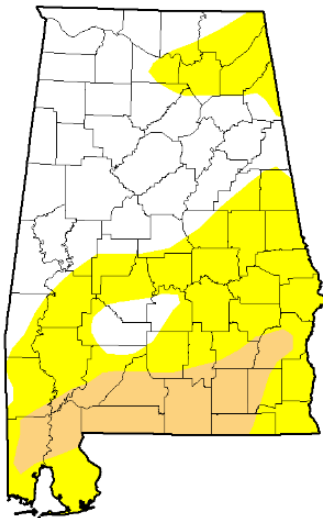
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, March 31, 2015

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	<a href="#">2015-03-31</a>	44.82	55.18	13.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	<a href="#">2015-03-24</a>	56.66	43.34	5.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	<a href="#">2014-12-30</a>	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	<a href="#">2014-12-30</a>	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	<a href="#">2014-09-30</a>	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	<a href="#">2014-04-01</a>	75.45	24.55	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **515,896**

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**Intensity:**

- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought

- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought

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