



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Showers Slowing Fieldwork

General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 12, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.39 inches of rain in Madison and Huntsville, to 7.63 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 66.6°F in Bessemer, to 73.3°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Another wet week is predicted which will continue slowing field progress and activities.—**Tyler Sandlin, ACES REA, Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, Tuscaloosa Counties.**

The wet spring weather has caused major delays in corn planting. This may cause producers to shift to planting soybeans.—**Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, Madison and Morgan Counties.**

Wet field conditions are preventing farmers from planting and they are starting to get way behind schedule. More rain is predicted for this week.—**Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

A warmer and slightly dryer week allowed many producers access to fields for fertilization and weed control operations. However, there are still many pastures too wet to access.—**Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, St. Clair Counties**

U.S. Drought Monitor continues to show the majority of Randolph and Clay Counties as abnormally dry. However we are receiving enough participation to keep field work at a minimum level. Rain is in the forecast for everyday this week, so I don't see any field work in the plans for this week either.—**Carol Gay, FSA CED, Clay & Randolph Counties.**

Some producers were able to get fertilizer on higher land last week. Bahia and Bermuda are beginning to develop but growth is slow.—**Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Wet field conditions continued to hinder corn planting. The forecast is calling for 1-3 inches of rain this week.—**Jeffery Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore & Tallapoosa Counties.**

Getting some good rain. Need every drop.—**James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 12, 2015**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 5-Yr Avg. | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| | Percent | | | |
| Corn Planted | 29 | 16 | 49 | 50 |
| Corn Emerged | 13 | NA | 16 | 20 |
| Cotton Planted | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Winter Wheat Headed | 18 | 8 | 14 | 26 |
| N/A =Not Available | | | | |

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Winter Wheat | 1 | 2 | 27 | 59 | 11 |
| Cattle | 0 | 4 | 30 | 56 | 10 |
| Pasture & Range | 1 | 8 | 35 | 49 | 7 |

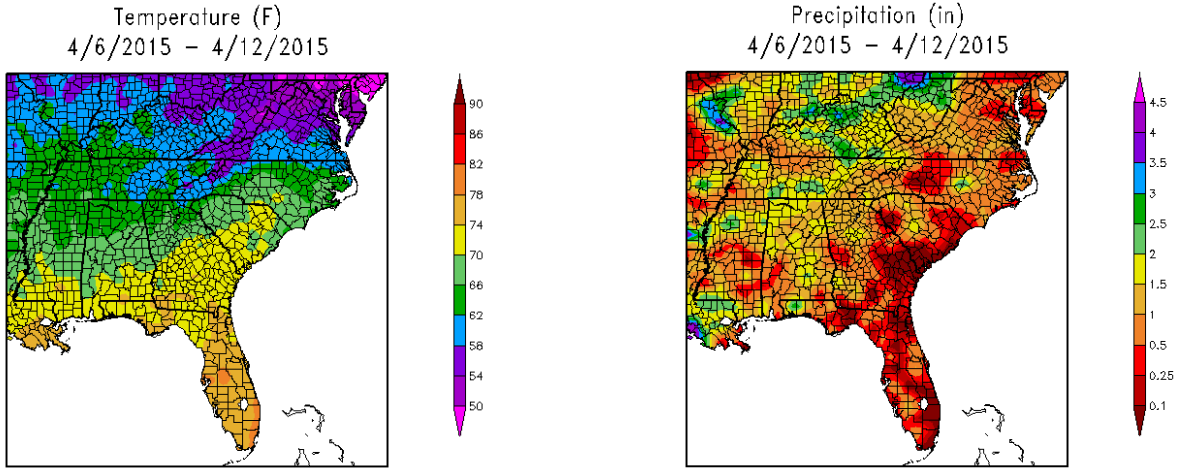
SOIL MOISTURE

| Topsoil | This Week | Previous Week | 5-year Average |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Short | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Short | 2 | 10 | 11 |
| Adequate | 54 | 63 | 66 |
| Surplus | 42 | 24 | 22 |

| Subsoil | This Week | Previous Week | 5-year Average |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very Short | 2 | 1 | NA |
| Short | 3 | 6 | NA |
| Adequate | 66 | 73 | NA |
| Surplus | 29 | 20 | NA |

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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



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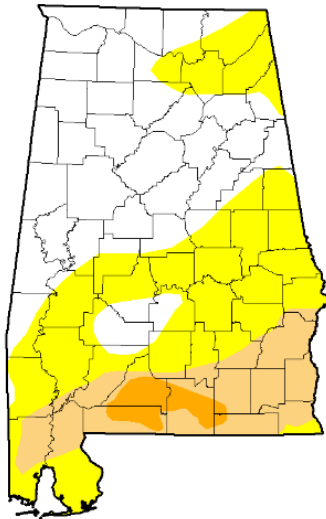
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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 7, 2015

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 | 2015-04-07 | 44.82 | 55.18 | 17.62 | 3.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week | 2015-03-31 | 44.82 | 55.18 | 13.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago | 2015-01-06 | 81.63 | 18.37 | 3.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year | 2014-12-30 | 62.49 | 37.51 | 3.77 | 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 | 2014-04-08 | 96.18 | 3.82 | 1.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Population Affected by Drought: **657,616**

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Intensity:

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

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