



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Some Planting, Wet Conditions Still in Much of the State

General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.13 inches of rain in Montgomery, to 1.68 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 60.0°F in Florence, to 72.0°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

More rain last week and more is predicted for tomorrow. It's getting very critical. Farmers in Jackson County are way behind. **-Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

We have had enough sunshine this past week to get some field work in. However spraying was an issue due to the wind. **-Carol Gray, FSA CED, Clay and Randolph Counties.**

A few days of dry weather allowed for the first cotton of the season to be planted, however an end of the week weather system brought an inch of rain to the service center and halted most of the field work. **-Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties.**

We had some good drying conditions last week and only received 0.3 inches of rain Saturday. **-Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station.**

Have plenty of rain. Need some dry weather so that hay can be cut and crops planted. **-Brenda Glover, REA, Hale and Greene Counties.**

The wheat crop looks good except for some that was blown over by last week's wind while also receiving 8 inches of rain. The rain did not cause any erosion problems. All Corn has been planted and has emerged and looks great thanks to last week's rain. **-Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Looking good, need more sunshine. **-Charles Simon, ACES CEC, Covington County.**

Cotton plantings and some peanuts will begin next week. **-James Jones Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Wet fields slowed planting this week but some work did continue. More planting activities should continue later this week with good drying conditions. **-Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

Still very wet! **-Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, Fayette County.**

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 26, 2015**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	5-Yr Avg.	
	Percent			
Corn Planted	46	31	71	78
Corn Emerged	33	23	55	54
Cotton Planted	5	1	11	13
Peanuts Planted	9	3	11	4
Soybeans	0	0	8	6
Winter Wheat Headed	55	27	47	55
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	2	2	28	59	9
Cattle	0	4	25	60	11
Pasture & Range	1	6	28	57	8

SOIL MOISTURE

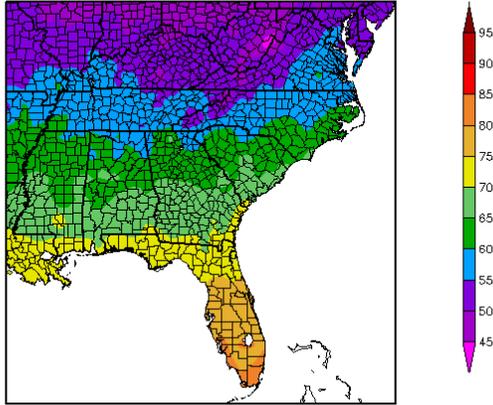
Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	3
Short	1	1	16
Adequate	48	38	62
Surplus	51	61	19

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	NA
Short	1	1	NA
Adequate	64	54	NA
Surplus	35	45	NA

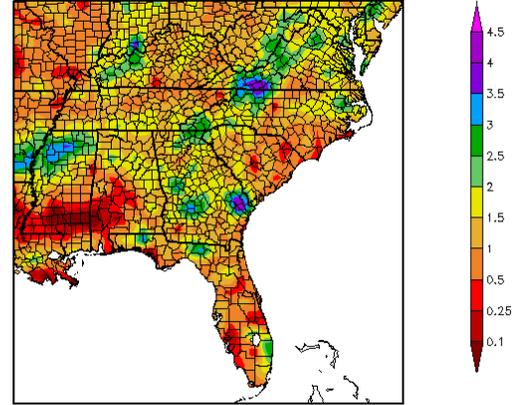
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Temperature (F)
4/20/2015 - 4/26/2015



Precipitation (in)
4/20/2015 - 4/26/2015



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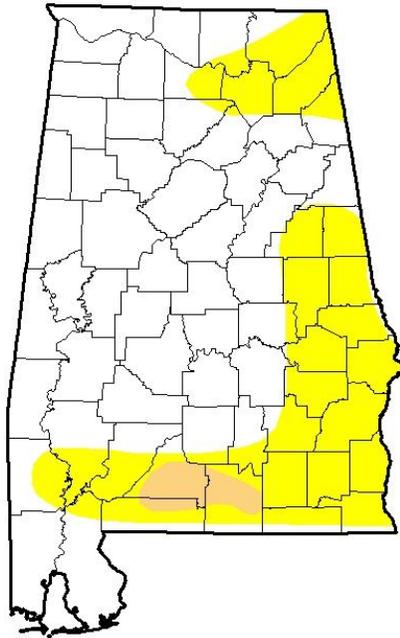
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U.S. Drought Monitor, April 21, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



April 21, 2015

(Released Thursday, Apr. 23, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	67.97	32.03	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/14/2015	44.82	55.18	12.94	2.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12/02/2014	57.40	42.60	3.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/02/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/22/2014	94.90	5.10	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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