



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Lots of Planting, Rain Needed Soon

### General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 10, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state were reported to be 0.0 inches across the entire state. Average mean temperatures ranged from 71.0°F in Hoover, to 75.0°F in Montgomery.

### County Extension Comments

We have gone from wet to dry in a matter of two weeks. Corn needs a rain badly this week. Most of the cotton was planted this week, and soybean planting started. Some hay was cut but producers were waiting for some more growth from the bottom. They have mostly stems at this point.-**Tim Malone, CED, Marion County.**

It is amazing what our farmers got planted last week with the nice weather. The problem now is that we need a good rain. Hay harvest went well last week also.-**Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

No rain here for the past week. A lot of field work going on, from hay cutting to plowing. Feeling the need for some rain now.-**Carol Gray, FSA CED, Clay County.**

A hot and dry week. Cotton, soybean, and peanut planting in full swing. Winter wheat beginning to turn. Soil conditions dried quickly and many areas could use rainfall. No rain received at the service center for the week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Elmore and Coosa Counties.**

Needing rain.-**Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station.**

Need rain.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Planting is in full throttle; good planting weather. We would like to see moderate rainfall early next week.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/10/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	86	66	93	93
Corn - Emerged.....	64	42	78	78
Cotton - Planted.....	29	10	29	40
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	56	14	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	24	17	19	21
Soybeans - Planted.....	21	6	26	19
Soybeans - Emerged.....	3	NA	17	8
Winter Wheat - Headed....	97	81	90	87
Winter Wheat - Harvested	1	NA	1	1

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/10/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	4	24	60	12
Corn .....	0	1	16	82	1
Pasture and range.....	1	5	28	59	7
Winter Wheat .....	0	3	28	60	9

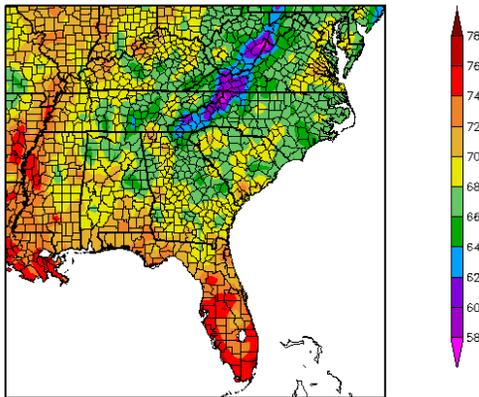
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/10/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	4
Short .....	19	3	13
Adequate.....	64	72	61
Surplus.....	16	25	22
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short .....	10	3	NA
Adequate.....	73	75	NA
Surplus.....	16	22	NA

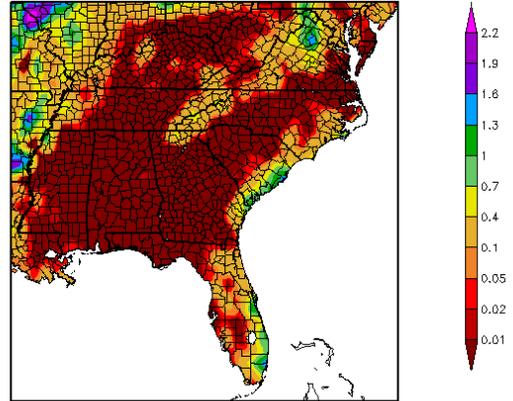
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Temperature (F)  
5/3/2015 – 5/9/2015



Precipitation (in)  
5/3/2015 – 5/9/2015



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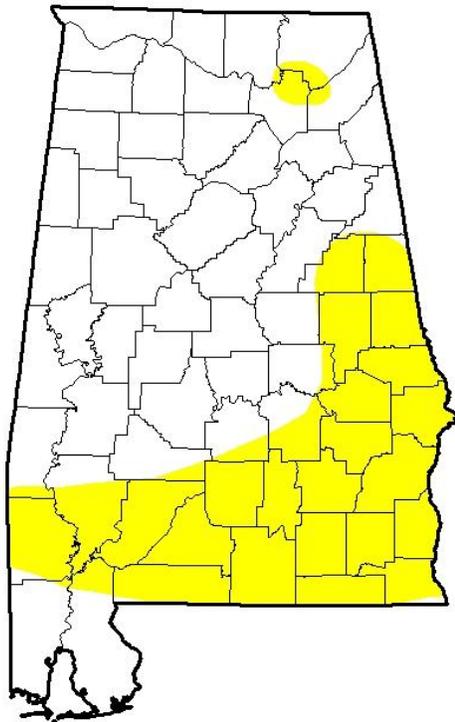
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, May 5, 2015

National Weather Service

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

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 5, 2015

(Released Thursday, May 7, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	64.57	35.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 4/28/2015	73.06	26.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/3/2015	61.06	38.94	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/31/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/6/2014	94.68	5.32	0.00	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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