



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Plentiful Rainfall Benefits Farms Across the State

### General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 31, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.11 inches of rain in Hoover, to 4.4 inches in Haleyville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 72.0°F in Haleyville, to 78.0°F in Montgomery.

### Comments

We received a lot of rain again this week. Wheat is beginning to sprout and more has been blown down by the wind and rain. Cotton and soybeans are starting to grow.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Widespread rain fell across the entire region bringing great benefits to pastures and hayfields.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Received rain over the weekend. Dry weather is needed now for wheat harvest, which will be about a week away.-**Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Most areas experienced significant rainfall for the week, delaying wheat harvest. All full season crops look good at this point. Soybeans and sesame behind the wheat are yet to be planted.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Elmore, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties.**

Central Alabama received plenty of rain. Looking forward to some drying conditions so we can get after weeds.-**Don Moore, AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

We received an abundant amount of rainfall this past week. It has halted the planting of cotton and peanuts and harvesting of wheat. Some replants have already been reported due to rain drowning crops out. Wheat has been reported as very poor on what little has been harvested. Pastures are soggy. If we do not receive any more rain, it will be at least a week before fields dry out enough to work.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Excessive rainfall is keeping farmers from finishing their peanut, cotton, and soybean planting. Rain has also put a damper on small grain harvest and could affect yields. Looking for good drying conditions over the weekend.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/31/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	100	98	86	83
Corn - Emerged.....	97	92	97	98
Corn - Silking.....	6	NA	1	5
Cotton - Planted.....	79	63	76	87
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	88	83	73	72
Peanuts - Planted.....	72	59	73	76
Soybeans - Planted.....	62	49	58	53
Soybeans - Emerged.....	50	28	46	38
Winter Wheat - Headed....	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat - Harvested	21	14	13	20

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/31/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	21	64	12
Corn .....	0	3	30	60	7
Cotton .....	0	4	10	79	7
Pasture and range.....	0	5	29	60	6
Peanuts.....	0	9	12	56	23
Winter Wheat .....	1	5	32	55	7

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/31/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	10
Short .....	12	20	23
Adequate.....	65	64	59
Surplus.....	22	13	8

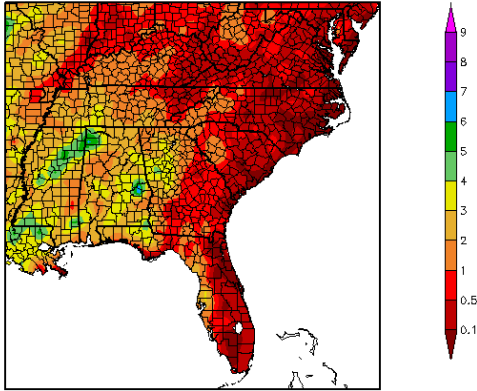
  

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	NA
Short .....	9	13	NA
Adequate.....	68	72	NA
Surplus.....	22	12	NA

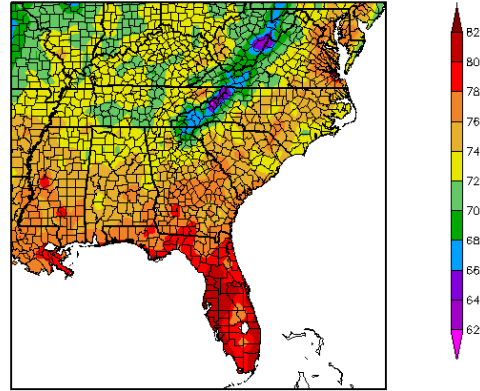
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)  
5/25/2015 - 5/31/2015



Temperature (F)  
5/25/2015 - 5/31/2015



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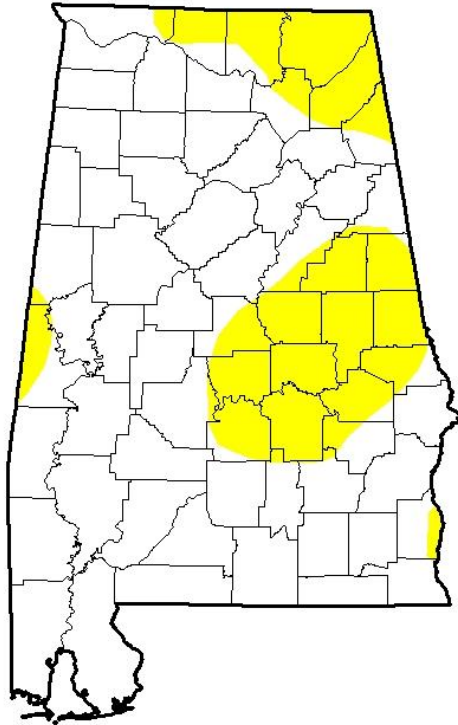
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, May 26, 2015

National Weather Service

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

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 26, 2015

(Released Thursday, May 28, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	76.69	23.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/19/2015	58.33	41.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 2/24/2015	29.07	70.93	17.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/20/2014	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> 5/27/2014	91.80	8.20	0.54	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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