



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Many Farmers Thankful for Rain Throughout the State

General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 5, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.15 inches of rain in Mobile, to 3.69 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 76.0°F in Anniston, to 80.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

We received more needed rain this week and crops are looking better.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Marshall County was behind several inches in rainfall prior to this week. We have received hit or miss showers this week and it has helped, but it is a critical time for the crops and more rain is desperately needed.-**Zachary Burns, FSA CED, Etowah, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Jackson County farmers received a good rain last week. Crop conditions improved greatly.-**Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Most all areas experienced moderate to heavy rain for the week, slowing field work and second hay cutting.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Kudzu bugs in soybeans have been almost nonexistent, while three-cornered alfalfa hoppers have been abundant.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

We are getting rain from fronts coming through. I am not seeing a lot of hay cutting, in fact, some say the grass will get too stemmy and lose nutrition. Need a little dry weather. Grazing is great.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/05/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	87	70	86	85
Corn - Dough.....	36	28	39	34
Corn - Dented.....	7	1	6	8
Cotton - Squaring.....	74	61	58	61
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	12	10	10	11
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	30	12	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	100	98	100	98
Peanuts - Pegging.....	64	48	41	37
Soybeans - Planted.....	97	95	92	97
Soybeans - Emerged.....	91	88	82	89
Soybeans - Blooming.....	43	37	34	23
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	8	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Harvested	98	96	91	97

Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/05/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	22	62	13
Corn.....	5	10	35	45	5
Cotton.....	0	0	22	73	5
Pasture and range.....	0	5	33	58	4
Peanuts.....	0	1	18	64	17
Soybeans.....	0	0	32	64	4

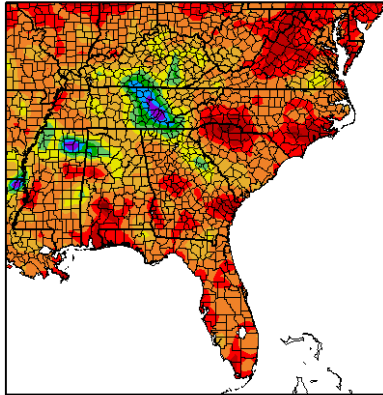
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/05/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	5	13
Short.....	16	28	30
Adequate.....	69	58	46
Surplus.....	13	9	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	4	NA
Short.....	16	25	NA
Adequate.....	70	60	NA
Surplus.....	12	11	NA

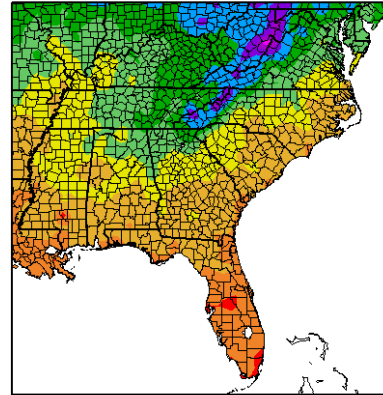
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
6/29/2015 - 7/5/2015



Temperature (F)
6/29/2015 - 7/5/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, June 30, 2015

National Weather Service

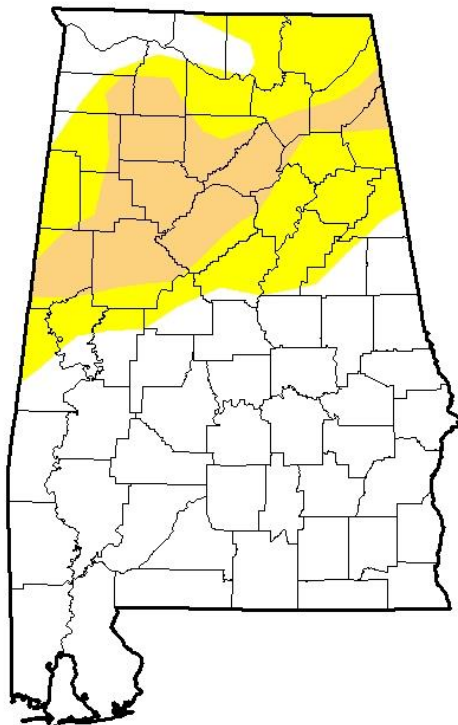
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

June 30, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.79	36.21	14.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 6/23/2015	67.87	32.13	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 3/31/2015	44.82	55.18	13.79	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 9/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/1/2014	99.27	0.73	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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