



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Corn Harvest Underway, Still Hoping For More Rain

General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.18 inches in Athens to 2.05 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 78.0°F in Florence to 84.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

There is some fear that the extreme heat we experienced in the Tennessee Valley in July and August damaged our grain crops more than originally thought. Cotton remains an unknown as well.-**Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, Madison and Morgan Counties.**

Corn harvest started last week with very good yields being reported on the March planted corn. Several farmers are having to spray late soybeans for insects. Most crops and pastures are improving.-**Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

The first few open bolls observed this week in several cotton fields. Corn and grain sorghum harvest underway as weather permits. Most areas saw at least some rainfall this week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

We have dried out quickly. Corn harvest has started. Experiencing some hard to kill loopers in the soybeans.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Hot and dry. Need rain across the county. Corn harvest is well underway. Fair to good yields. Irrigated corn very good.-**James Jones Jr., CEC, Henry County.**

Spotty rainfall continues to be the headline in the Wiregrass. Facing crucial water needs, farmers are hoping that rainfall this week will keep their crops developing bolls, pegs, and beans.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Dough	100	97	100	100
Corn - Dented	95	86	93	85
Corn - Mature	64	47	43	48
Corn - Harvested	10	1	5	8
Cotton - Squaring	99	98	98	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls	94	93	90	84
Cotton - Bolls Opening .	16	1	4	8
Hay - 2nd Cutting	94	92	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	91	84	93	90
Soybeans - Blooming ...	95	91	83	85
Soybeans - Setting Pods	78	72	69	63
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	12	1	6	5

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/16/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	5	25	63	7
Corn	5	10	36	43	6
Cotton	0	2	23	69	6
Pasture and range ...	1	14	39	43	3
Peanuts	0	2	15	66	17
Soybeans	0	7	35	52	6

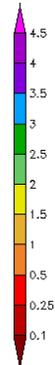
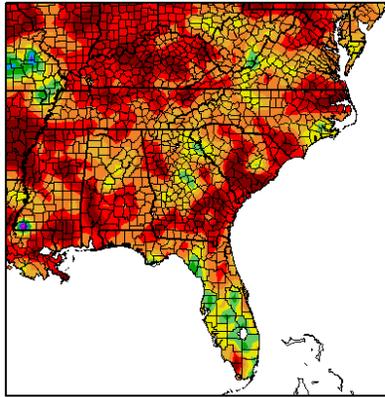
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	6	6	9
Short	33	34	28
Adequate	55	55	54
Surplus	6	5	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	5	5	NA
Short	34	34	NA
Adequate	53	55	NA
Surplus	8	6	NA

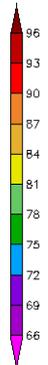
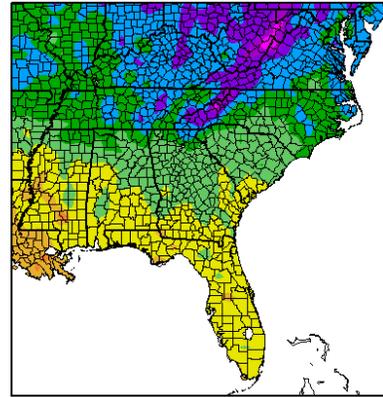
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
8/10/2015 - 8/16/2015



Temperature (F)
8/10/2015 - 8/16/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, August 11, 2015

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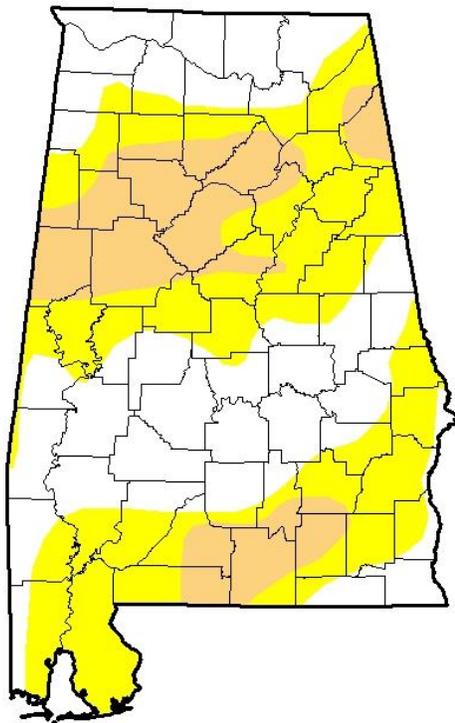
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 11, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.15	58.85	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/4/2015	38.84	61.16	18.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/12/2015	52.56	47.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2014	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 8/12/2014	59.18	40.82	4.04	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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