



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Extremely Dry Conditions

### General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 20, 2015. There was no precipitation reported anywhere in the state this week. Average mean temperatures ranged from 69.0°F in Rock Mills to 77.0°F in Mobile.

### Comments

Another week with no rain. Pastures are starting to hurt. Another good rain or two would have really helped the double crop soybeans. Cotton fields are starting to get white. Corn harvest should start this week.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

A lot of hay is being baled this week. Sure need a good rain next week.-**Jack Tatum Jr., REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Corn harvest wrapped up this week with dry conditions prevailing. Cotton harvest began and many fields were being defoliated. Pasture conditions are quickly degrading with the lack of moisture. No rainfall at the service center for the week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County is still dry. We had about an inch of rain in the previous week, and peanut producers took advantage of the softer ground to dig as many as they could before the ground dried back up this week. Cotton is stressed due to lack of rainfall.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Peanut and cotton harvests are in early stages. Cotton defoliation has begun with some beginning to be picked.-**James Jones Jr., CEC, Henry County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	98	96	99	98
Corn - Harvested .....	71	52	65	70
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	70	61	62	61
Cotton - Harvested .....	1	NA	3	4
Peanuts - Harvested .....	11	NA	4	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods	100	99	95	94
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	65	57	59	43
Soybeans - Harvested....	18	11	11	5

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	4	26	63	7
Cotton .....	0	3	29	61	7
Pasture and range.....	0	13	42	42	3
Peanuts.....	0	4	26	53	17
Soybeans.....	0	4	35	53	8

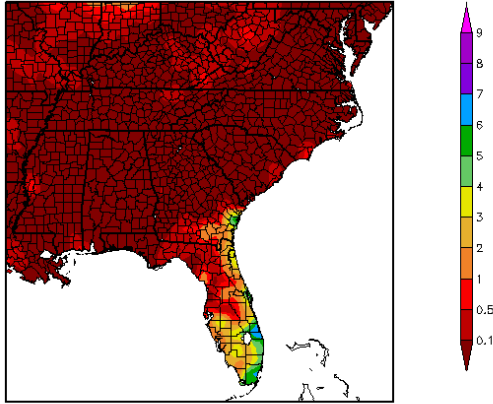
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/20/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	8	16
Short .....	32	23	29
Adequate.....	54	63	52
Surplus.....	6	6	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	10	7	NA
Short .....	28	21	NA
Adequate.....	58	64	NA
Surplus.....	4	8	NA

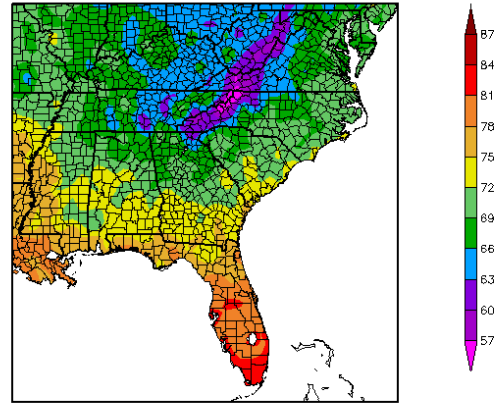
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015



Temperature (F)  
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015



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## U.S. Drought Monitor, September 15, 2015

National Weather Service

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

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 15, 2015

(Released Thursday, Sep. 17, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.21	66.79	17.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 8/22/2015	52.91	47.09	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 6/16/2015	93.28	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/30/2014	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> 9/16/2014	37.03	62.97	10.19	0.01	0.00	0.00

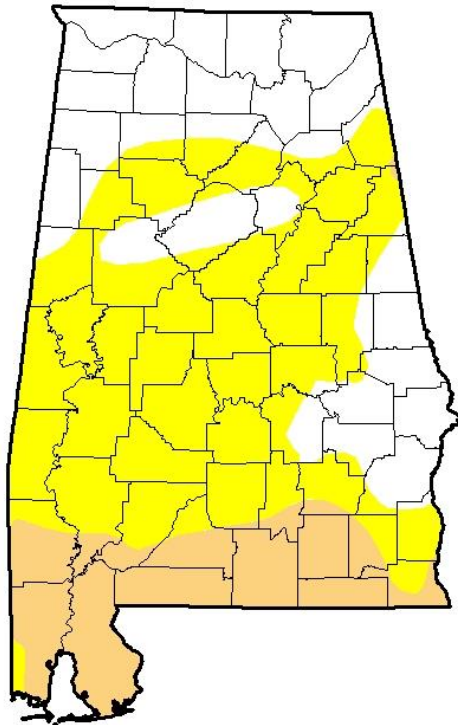
Intensity:

- 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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