



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Rainfall Unevenly Spread Throughout the State

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 4, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.12 inches in Bessemer to 2.28 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 65.4°F in Muscle Shoals to 70.6°F in Montgomery.

Comments

Still another week without sufficient rain. Pastures are turning brown and are getting no growth going into winter. This may cause producers to start feeding hay earlier than normal. Cotton harvest should get underway this week, and this weather is good for that. Soybeans are maturing fast.-
Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.

Rain in the region was mostly light, as heavier showers remained to the south all week. Even so, clouds and damp conditions late in the week prevented much field work.-
Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.

An overcast and damp week hindered most field work. Some areas experienced significant rainfall.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Received significant rain in the area. Cooling off now. Pastures are still green, but the quality is low.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Need some sunshine to get harvest underway across the board on peanuts and cotton. Small grains for grazing planting underway.-**James Jones Jr., CEC, Henry County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	100	99	100	100
Corn - Harvested	90	83	88	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening	86	79	82	80
Cotton - Harvested	16	6	22	15
Peanuts - Harvested	33	20	20	19
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	85	77	79	68
Soybeans - Harvested	34	27	25	16
Winter Wheat - Planted....	5	1	3	6

Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/04/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	29	61	6
Cotton	0	5	32	57	6
Pasture and range.....	1	16	39	42	2
Peanuts.....	0	7	29	54	10
Soybeans.....	0	5	35	53	7

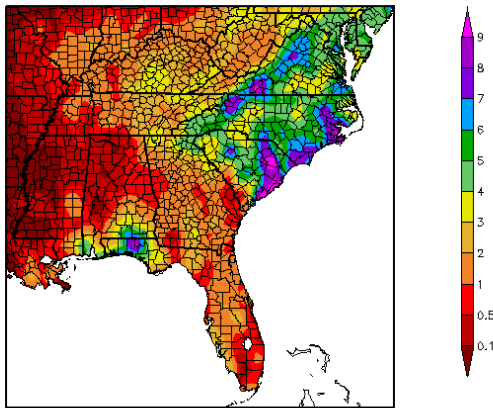
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	12	8	16
Short	25	35	27
Adequate.....	57	51	53
Surplus.....	6	6	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	8	NA
Short	25	30	NA
Adequate.....	61	58	NA
Surplus.....	6	4	NA

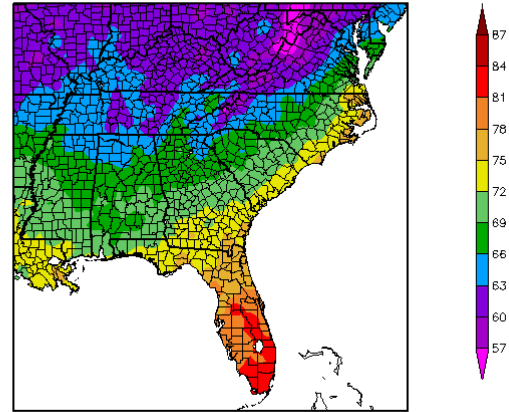
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/28/2015 - 10/4/2015



Temperature (F)
9/28/2015 - 10/4/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 29, 2015

National Weather Service

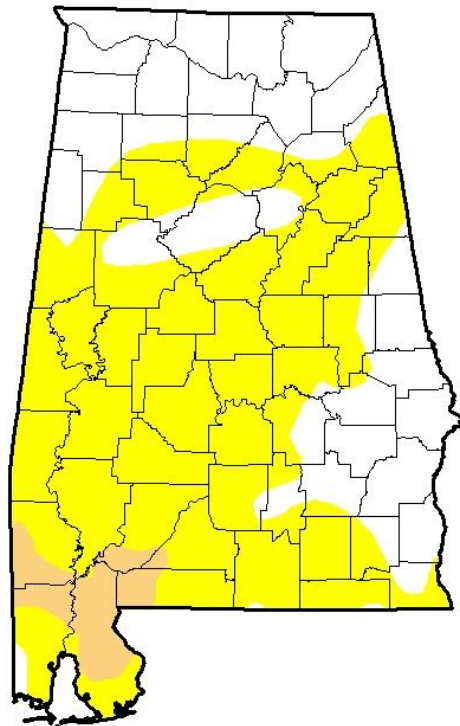
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 29, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/22/2015	33.16	66.84	17.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/30/2015	63.79	36.21	14.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/29/2014	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 9/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	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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