



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Dry conditions as harvest continues

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, October 18, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 0.5 inches in Haleyville. Average mean temperatures ranged from 61.6°F in Muscle Shoals to 68.1°F in Mobile.

Comments

Most areas of the region are very dry and need moisture to plant cool season grazing. Light patchy frost occurred in a few areas last week pushing warm season forages closer to dormancy. **-Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

A good slow rain is needed badly. **-Jack Tatum Jr., REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Need rain! **-Brenda Glover, REA, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties.**

Dry conditions for most of the week advanced the cotton harvest to the halfway point, with peanuts and soybeans also being harvested. Only a few cotton fields not defoliated at this point. **-Jeffrey Smith, CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery and Tallapoosa County.**

Good dry weather is enabling farmers to catch up on peanut harvesting. I have heard and seen a lot of peanuts plowed up. With perfect harvesting weather many will be to get their peanuts to the dryers. Cotton harvest is progressing though slightly behind peanuts. **-Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	97	94	97	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening	92	90	91	92
Cotton - Harvested	48	29	34	33
Peanuts - Harvested.....	60	46	56	48
Soybeans - Dropping	91	90	92	89
Leaves				
Soybeans - Harvested.....	46	40	42	35
Winter Wheat - Planted	19	15	10	15

Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	30	59	7
Cotton	0	3	31	60	6
Pasture and range.....	1	18	39	40	2
Peanuts.....	0	10	26	53	11
Soybeans.....	0	4	35	54	7

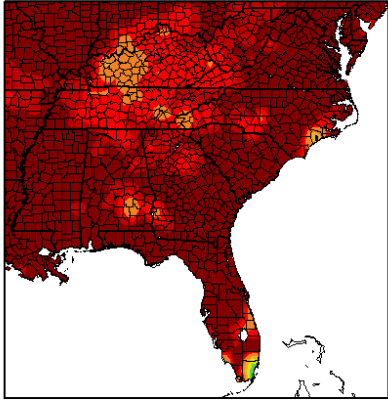
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/18/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	14	12	18
Short	35	27	26
Adequate.....	47	56	53
Surplus.....	4	5	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	12	10	NA
Short	29	26	NA
Adequate.....	55	59	NA
Surplus.....	4	5	NA

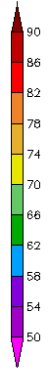
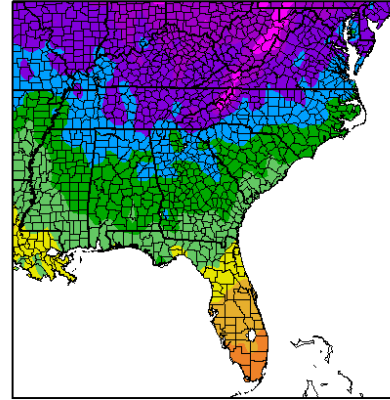
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/12/2015 - 10/18/2015



Temperature (F)
10/12/2015 - 10/18/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 6, 2015

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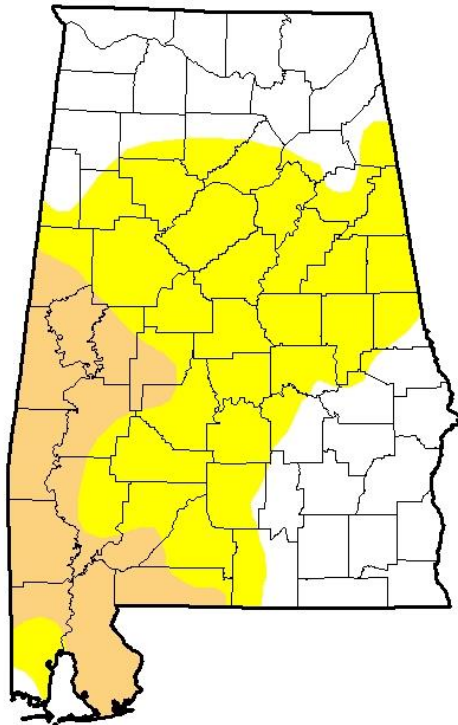
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 13, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.29	62.71	19.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10/6/2015	43.26	56.74	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/14/2015	74.95	25.05	8.60	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 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/14/2014	44.24	55.76	17.23	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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