



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Cooler Temperatures and Rain Throughout the State

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 15, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.02 inches in Bessemer to 0.98 inches in Montgomery. Average mean temperatures ranged from 53.8°F in Bessemer to 59°F in Mobile.

Comments

Heavy rainfall early in the week resulted in very wet fields, minimizing opportunities for fieldwork. The rain was very beneficial for winter grazing planted earlier during the dry period. Killing frost late in the week pushed warm season grasses toward dormancy.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Most of the cotton has been harvested. Some soybeans remain in the field.-**Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Drier conditions returned for most week allowing cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest to resume.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

We have had lots of rainfall, which makes it difficult to harvest the rest of farmers' crops. Some soybeans and lots of cotton are sitting in fields. Cotton is too wet and fields are too wet to run on.-**LaShannda James, FSA CED, Mobile County.**

Still cutting hay in area.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/15/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	98	97	100	100
Cotton - Harvested	75	68	81	80
Peanuts - Harvested.....	81	80	91	87
Soybeans - Harvested.....	79	71	88	84
Winter Wheat - Planted	54	38	62	58
Winter Wheat - Emerged..	34	24	39	33

Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/15/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	28	61	7
Pasture and range.....	2	13	49	35	1
Winter Wheat	0	5	11	84	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/15/15

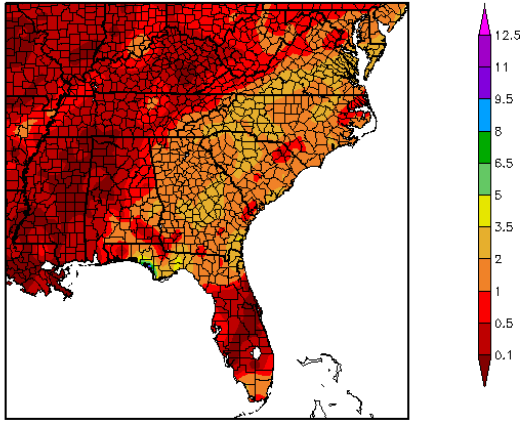
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	17
Short	9	10	35
Adequate.....	70	63	47
Surplus.....	20	25	1

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	3	NA
Short	11	8	NA
Adequate.....	76	71	NA
Surplus.....	11	18	NA

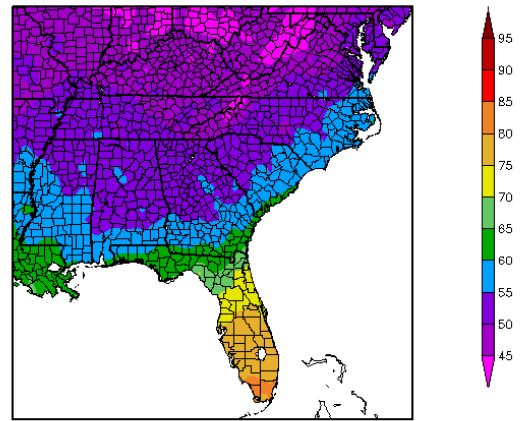
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Precipitation (in)
11/9/2015 - 11/15/2015



Temperature (F)
11/9/2015 - 11/15/2015



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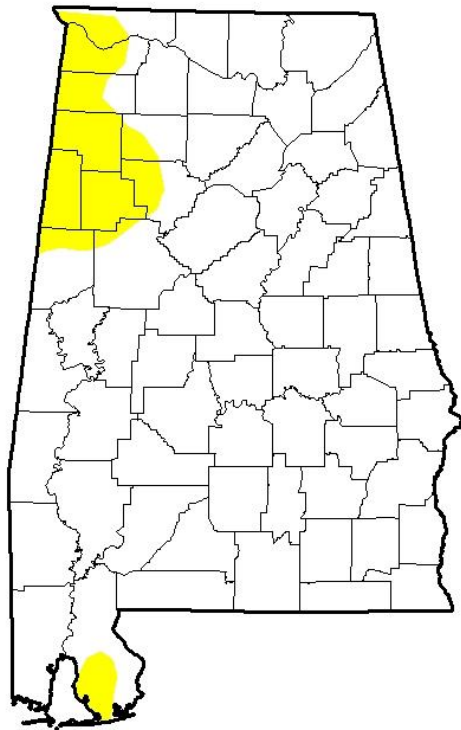
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U.S. Drought Monitor, November 10, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



November 10, 2015

(Released Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.28	8.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11/3/2015	63.77	36.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 8/11/2015	41.15	58.85	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 8/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11/11/2014	29.49	70.51	27.08	1.77	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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