According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 1.25 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Wheat crop looks really good. However, our dry land spring seeded crops are in desperate need of rain.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Corn is starting to need a rain. Wheat looks very good

Tim Malone, Marion County

A dry week allowed cotton planting to progress quickly as producers took advantage of the good field conditions. Most first hay cutting is complete. Rainfall would be welcomed now that most crops are in the ground.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Planting in progress-cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Hay harvest in progress

Rudy Yates, Marengo County

A good bit of peanuts have been planted. Pastures are in good shape. Most of the corn is planted and looks great.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Some row crop farmers are continuing to plant, especially in no-till situations. Dry, windy conditions have significantly slowed planting in conventional fields. Pastures, dry land plantings, and cattle need rain.

Willie Durr, Houston County
May 10, 2016
(Released Thursday, May 12, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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