



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Many Crops are Doing Well, Hoping for More Rain

General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 24, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.03 inches of rain in Anniston, to 2.57 inches in Florence. Average mean temperatures ranged from 69.0°F in Florence, to 77.0°F in Mobile.

Comments

We received a good rain over the weekend. This will really help corn. The wind and rain knocked down some of the wheat. Maybe the wheat will stand back up, and harvest should begin by the middle of June. Most first cutting of hay is in the barn and the rain should get it back to growing for the second round.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Dry conditions prevail for some areas while others received beneficial rainfall this week. Spraying and other forage operations have been facilitated by the dry weather. However, significant rain is needed for some counties.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

A good slow rain is needed in many areas. Pastures are beginning to hurt and hay fields need rain for second cutting growth.-**Jack Tatum Jr., REA, Cleburne, Chambers, Clay, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Peanut and cotton planting wrapped up this week with producers making their first post emergence spray on cotton. Most full season soybean planting done as well. Wheat harvest began also this week, however rainfall over most of the area will delay harvest until drier weather.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Elmore, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties.**

A mix of dry and wet weather conditions are causing some crop delays in getting row crops in the ground. Good growing conditions for hay and crops already planted.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	98	98	97	98
Corn - Emerged.....	92	84	95	94
Cotton - Planted.....	63	46	62	77
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	83	68	54	58
Peanuts - Planted.....	59	43	49	57
Soybeans - Planted.....	49	33	48	42
Soybeans - Emerged.....	28	11	36	27
Winter Wheat - Headed....	99	99	98	98
Winter Wheat - Harvested	14	11	9	10

Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	22	65	10
Corn.....	0	3	32	62	3
Pasture and range.....	0	6	31	59	4
Winter Wheat	0	5	32	56	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/24/15

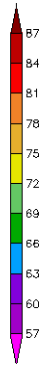
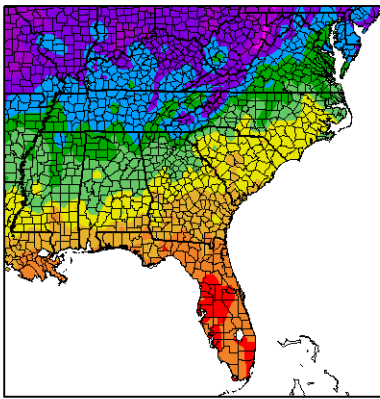
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	3	7
Short.....	20	34	18
Adequate.....	64	50	64
Surplus.....	13	13	11

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	NA
Short.....	13	21	NA
Adequate.....	72	64	NA
Surplus.....	12	13	NA

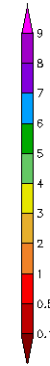
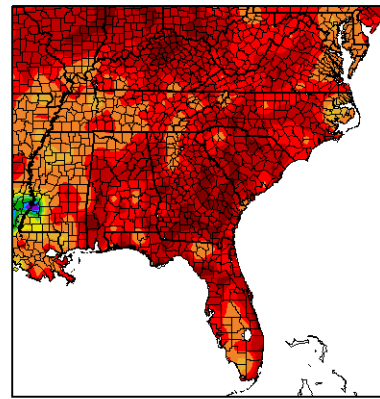
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Temperature (F)
5/18/2015 - 5/24/2015



Precipitation (in)
5/18/2015 - 5/24/2015



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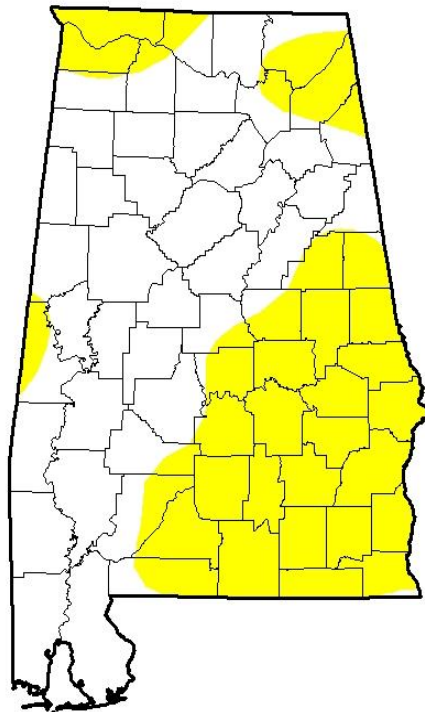
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.33	41.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/12/2015	52.56	47.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/17/2015	29.07	70.93	14.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 8/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/20/2014	92.99	7.01	0.54	0.00	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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