



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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On the Lookout for Crop Pests

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, June 14, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.04 inches of rain in Hoover, to 2.3 inches in Montgomery. Average mean temperatures ranged from 77.0°F in Haleyville, to 82.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

Wheat harvest is going well. Preliminary yield reports are good to excellent.-**Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, Madison and Morgan Counties.**

Scattered showers throughout the week have been beneficial to pastures and hayfields across the region. Farmers are recommended to begin scouting fields for signs of damaging pests such as the bermudagrass stem maggot and fall armyworm.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

More rain showers this week hindered wheat harvest, reports of sprouting and poor grades are common. Overall, most other crops and pastures are good at this point.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Elmore, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties.**

Corn in Monroe County looks good. Producers have been able to get back into the fields to finish planting. Much wheat in Monroe lost due to excessive rainfall.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Grasshopper damage on seedling cotton causing some to spray. Generally light pressure of thrips on cotton and peanuts. Foliar sprays have been applied to both crops. Rind worm damage has been observed in cantaloupes. There have been some spraying for stink bugs in corn. Vegetable harvest is occurring every day as crop matures.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/14/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	100	99	99	100
Corn - Silking.....	53	12	23	31
Cotton - Planted.....	95	91	91	96
Cotton - Squaring.....	28	5	14	18
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	96	94	86	88
Peanuts - Planted.....	94	87	85	89
Peanuts - Pegging.....	1	NA	17	9
Soybeans - Planted.....	79	70	70	74
Soybeans - Emerged.....	70	60	58	59
Winter Wheat - Harvested	55	30	33	53

Crop Condition for Week Ending 06/14/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	21	65	11
Corn	0	3	29	60	8
Cotton	0	4	15	75	6
Pasture and range.....	0	5	29	61	5
Peanuts.....	0	7	11	60	22
Soybeans.....	0	0	18	74	8
Winter Wheat	1	6	31	56	6

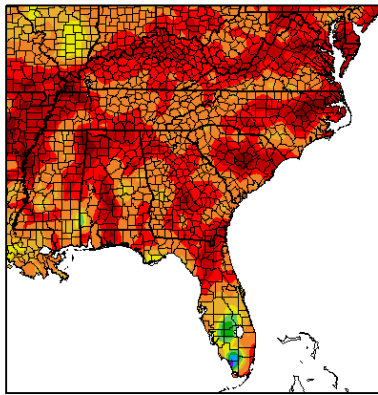
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/14/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	12
Short	14	12	21
Adequate.....	73	73	60
Surplus.....	12	14	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short	12	11	NA
Adequate.....	75	74	NA
Surplus.....	12	14	NA

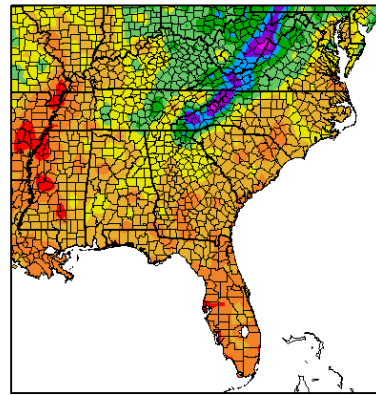
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
6/8/2015 - 6/14/2015



Temperature (F)
6/8/2015 - 6/14/2015



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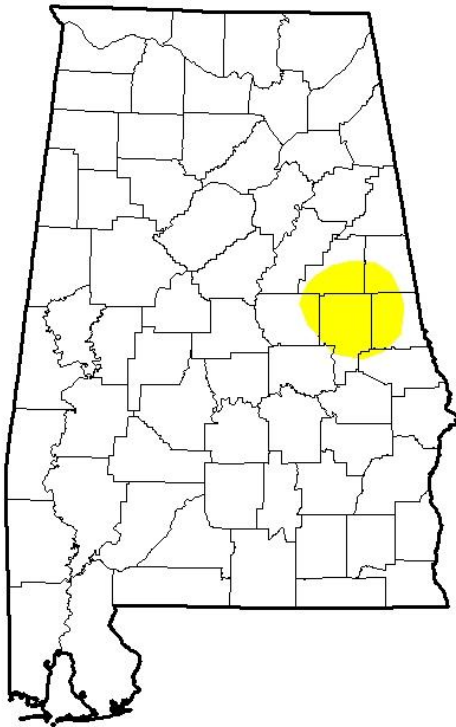
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U.S. Drought Monitor, June 9, 2015 National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



June 9, 2015

(Released Thursday, Jun. 11, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	96.74	3.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 6/2/2015	96.74	3.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 3/10/2015	49.35	50.65	13.28	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 9/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 6/10/2014	95.02	4.98	0.00	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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