



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Some Needed Rain and Cooler Temperatures Benefited Crops

### General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 28, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.13 inches of rain in Birmingham, to 2.93 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 80.0°F in Haleyville, to 83.0°F in Montgomery.

### Comments

We finally received some rain and a break from the heat. We are hoping the rain was not too late for corn. The rain will really help cotton and soybeans, and get the second cutting of hay growing back.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Normal operations continued this week despite scattered showers across the region. Rainfall was widely variable, with some areas receiving none whatsoever.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and Saint Clair Counties.**

The final wheat fields were harvested this week and most double crop soybeans are in the ground. Some areas saw scattered rain this week. Most crops are in need of moisture.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Elmore, Tallapoosa, and Coosa Counties.**

After a week of watching the hit and miss showers mostly miss us, we caught a good soaking early Sunday morning. So thankful.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Monroe County received an average of 2.5 inches of rain for June in most parts of the county. Cotton, peanuts, corn, and soybeans look good for now. Cotton in most of the county is young due to late planting from excessive rain. Many wheat fields are producing terrible yields leading some to burn the field rather than harvest.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Received rain over the past few days, which was needed. Pastures growing again. Hay cutting halted, in fact it is hard to tell if it is the second or third cutting as some are more aggressive in their cutting than others.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/28/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	70	55	74	72
Corn - Dough.....	28	4	22	22
Corn - Dented.....	1	NA	2	4
Cotton - Planted.....	100	98	100	99
Cotton - Squaring.....	61	45	46	50
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	10	NA	3	3
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	98	96	97	95
Peanuts - Pegging.....	48	28	34	28
Soybeans - Planted.....	95	90	88	93
Soybeans - Emerged.....	88	80	72	82
Soybeans - Blooming.....	37	19	29	16
Winter Wheat - Harvested	96	88	80	92

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 06/28/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	21	64	11
Corn.....	5	18	32	43	2
Cotton.....	0	1	21	73	5
Pasture and range.....	1	9	35	52	3
Peanuts.....	0	1	18	65	16
Soybeans.....	0	2	35	61	2

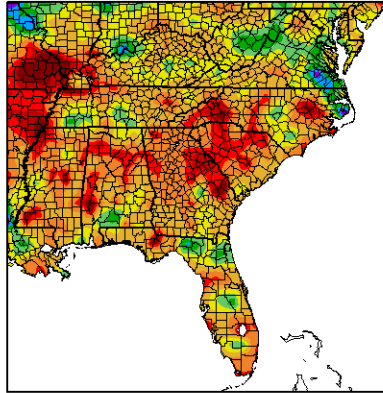
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/28/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	6	13
Short.....	28	33	29
Adequate.....	58	52	52
Surplus.....	9	9	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	5	NA
Short.....	25	26	NA
Adequate.....	60	59	NA
Surplus.....	11	10	NA

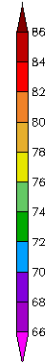
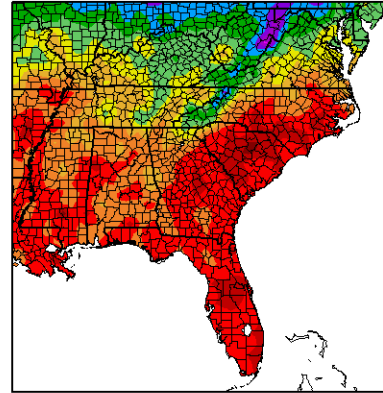
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
6/22/2015 - 6/28/2015



Temperature (F)  
6/22/2015 - 6/28/2015



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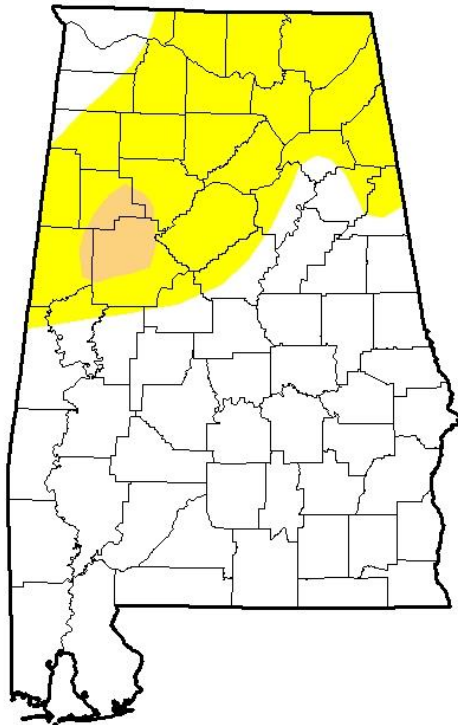
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, June 23, 2015

National Weather Service

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

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



June 23, 2015

(Released Thursday, Jun. 25, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	67.87	32.13	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 6/16/2015	93.28	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 3/24/2015	56.66	43.34	5.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/02/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/06/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 6/24/2014	95.03	4.97	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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