



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Dry Conditions Return

### General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 12, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain in Florence, to 0.87 inches in Birmingham. Average mean temperatures ranged from 81.0°F in Hoover, to 84.0°F in Montgomery.

### Comments

High temperatures have ranged from 95-100 for last week and are expected to continue this week with little rain expected.-**Tyler Sandlin, REA, Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, Tuscaloosa Counties.**

In need of another rain. The heat is really hurting some of the corn that was planted in April.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED Marion and Winston Counties.**

The extreme heat is starting to hurt our crops, especially corn. A good rain will be needed this week to maintain a good corn yield.-**Donald E Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Kudzu bugs exploded in soybeans last week. Showers have been spotty. Irrigation is running daily.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Got rain, now dry days are needed for hay cutting followed by more rain. Hay cutting activities ongoing.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/12/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	93	87	93	92
Corn - Dough.....	58	36	58	49
Corn - Dented.....	18	7	13	15
Cotton - Squaring.....	85	74	67	72
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	25	12	26	25
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	52	30	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	74	64	45	44
Soybeans - Planted.....	100	97	96	99
Soybeans - Emerged.....	95	91	90	95
Soybeans - Blooming.....	59	43	41	36
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	19	8	9	7
Winter Wheat - Harvested	100	98	98	99

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 07/12/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	23	62	12
Corn.....	5	10	34	46	5
Cotton.....	0	1	19	75	5
Pasture and range.....	0	6	36	53	5
Peanuts.....	0	2	15	67	16
Soybeans.....	0	0	30	66	4

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/12/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	2	10
Short.....	25	16	30
Adequate.....	62	69	46
Surplus.....	10	13	14

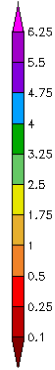
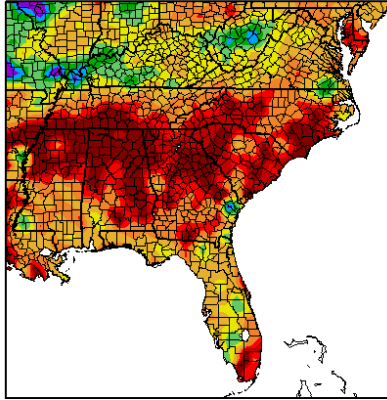
  

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	NA
Short.....	22	16	NA
Adequate.....	65	70	NA
Surplus.....	11	12	NA

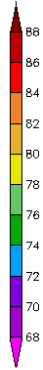
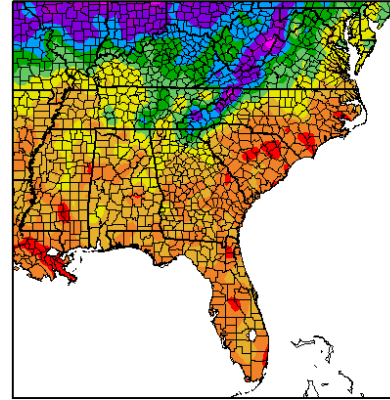
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
7/6/2015 - 7/12/2015



Temperature (F)  
7/6/2015 - 7/12/2015



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## U.S. Drought Monitor, June 30, 2015

National Weather Service

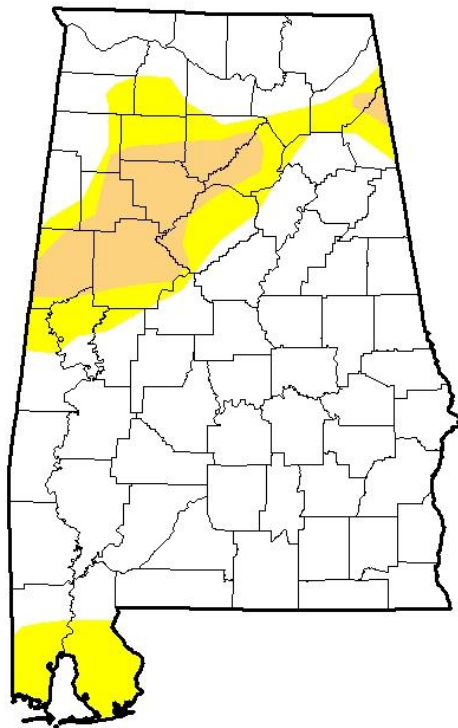
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### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 7, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.83	22.17	8.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 6/30/2015	63.79	36.21	14.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 4/7/2015	44.82	55.18	17.62	3.09	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/20/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	17.21	82.79	26.99	1.25	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 7/9/2014	91.92	8.08	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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