



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Some Rain Across the State, Hoping For More

General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 9, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.31 inches in Mobile to 2.83 inches in Athens. Average mean temperatures ranged from 81.0°F in Anniston to 85.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

We received some much needed rain this week, but then the heat returned. Crop conditions did improve some with the rain. Hoping for more rain this week and cooler temperatures.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Brief rain fell through most of the region. Significant rain is still needed. Armyworm reports are increasing as well as reports of bermudagrass stem maggot damage.-**Henry Dorrough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Most areas did receive some much needed rain late in the week, but still rain totals varied widely.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Need rain. Corn harvest is underway with good yields in dry land and irrigated corn reported.-**James Jones Jr., CEC, Henry County.**

Pockets of stinkbug infestation and low range of foliage feeders in hay fields and row crops in the Wiregrass area. Some stinkbug infestation required control measures to reduce damage and losses. Dry weather conditions continue even though scattered showers have brought some relief. Water demands remain high for peanut, cotton, and soybeans in this critical fruiting stage.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/09/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Dough.....	97	91	96	94
Corn - Dented.....	86	73	87	77
Corn - Mature	47	30	28	33
Corn - Harvested.....	1	NA	2	4
Cotton - Squaring	98	97	94	93
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	93	87	80	76
Cotton - Bolls Opening	1	NA	1	2
Hay - 2nd Cutting	92	90	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	84	83	85	82
Soybeans - Blooming.....	91	87	77	79
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	72	61	59	52

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/09/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	5	26	62	7
Corn	6	11	33	44	6
Cotton	0	2	19	73	6
Pasture and range.....	1	13	39	43	4
Peanuts.....	0	2	14	67	17
Soybeans.....	0	8	34	54	4

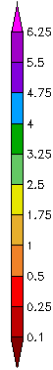
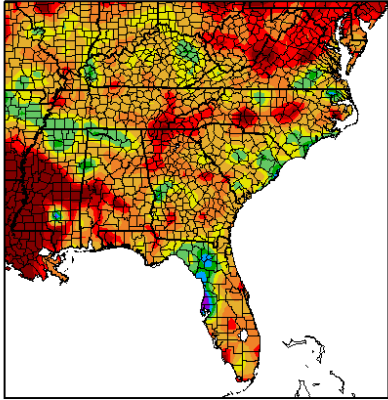
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/09/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	6	9
Short	34	37	29
Adequate.....	55	51	54
Surplus.....	5	6	8
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	5	NA
Short	34	32	NA
Adequate.....	55	56	NA
Surplus.....	6	7	NA

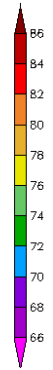
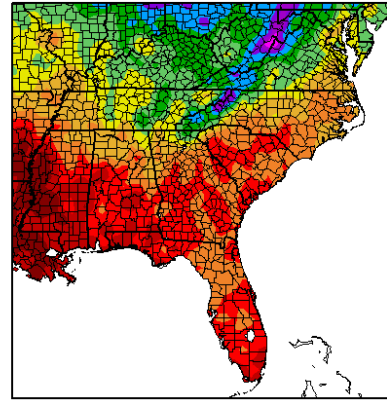
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
8/3/2015 - 8/9/2015



Temperature (F)
8/3/2015 - 8/9/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, August 4, 2015

National Weather Service

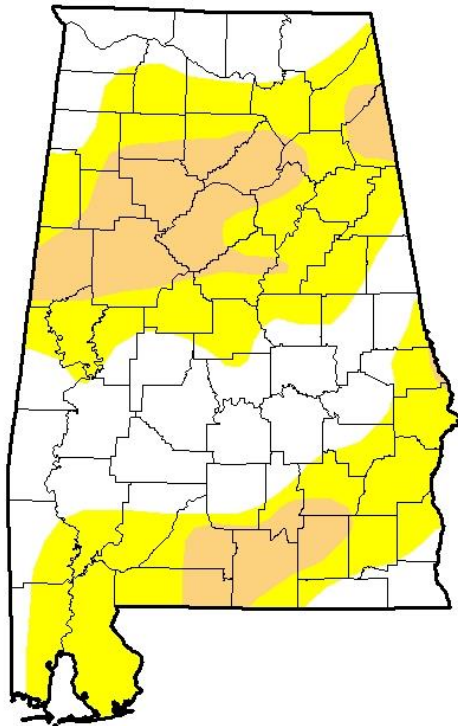
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 4, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.84	61.16	18.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 7/28/2015	59.90	40.10	9.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/5/2015	64.57	35.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	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 8/5/2014	62.66	37.34	1.66	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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