



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Beneficial Rainfall Throughout Much of the State

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.65 inches in Montgomery to 4.16 inches in Madison. Average mean temperatures ranged from 79.0°F in Birmingham to 84.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

Rain showers scattered throughout the region were a welcome sight, however, some areas still need significant rain in order to get cool season forages established. There were fewer reports of fall army worms, but increased reporting of significant damage from bermudagrass stem maggot. **-Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties.**

Additional rain fell over the weekend in Jackson County to go along with what we had last week. The beginning corn yields are looking good. **-Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Corn harvest continues around rain showers. Some areas, such as south Montgomery County and northern Coosa received some much needed rainfall this week. **-Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

We've gotten a lot of valuable rain his week. Now it can stop. **-Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Getting rains here and there. **-Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Velvet bean caterpillars have caused some peanut farmers to begin insecticide applications. Stinkbugs are still being sprayed for in cotton. Rainfall has been very scattered in nature. Hope for more uniform rainfall in the coming days. **-Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Dented	97	95	97	93
Corn - Mature	81	64	54	64
Corn - Harvested	14	10	8	14
Cotton - Squaring	100	99	100	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls	96	94	95	90
Cotton - Bolls Opening ..	20	16	8	15
Hay - 2nd Cutting	96	94	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	97	91	97	94
Soybeans - Blooming	98	95	88	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods ..	88	78	78	73
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	19	12	10	9

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	4	24	65	7
Corn	3	10	35	46	6
Cotton	0	2	21	70	7
Pasture and range	1	11	35	49	4
Peanuts	0	3	14	66	17
Soybeans	0	7	33	53	7

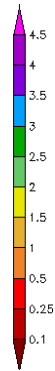
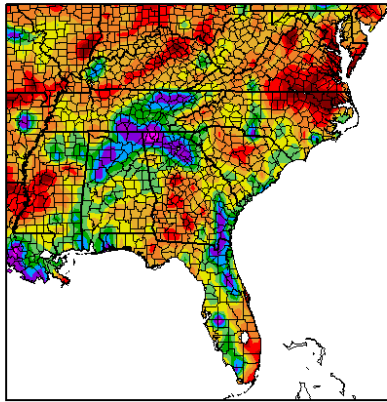
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/23/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	6	12
Short	24	33	29
Adequate	60	55	51
Surplus	11	6	8
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	5	NA
Short	22	34	NA
Adequate	64	53	NA
Surplus	10	8	NA

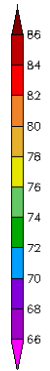
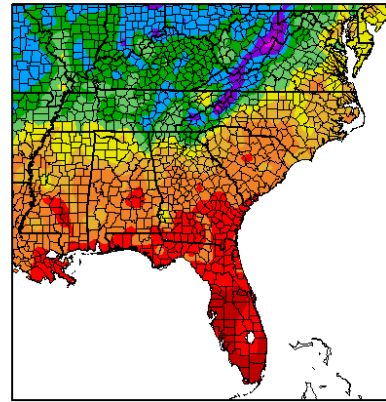
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)
8/17/2015 - 8/23/2015



Temperature (F)
8/17/2015 - 8/23/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, August 18, 2015

National Weather Service

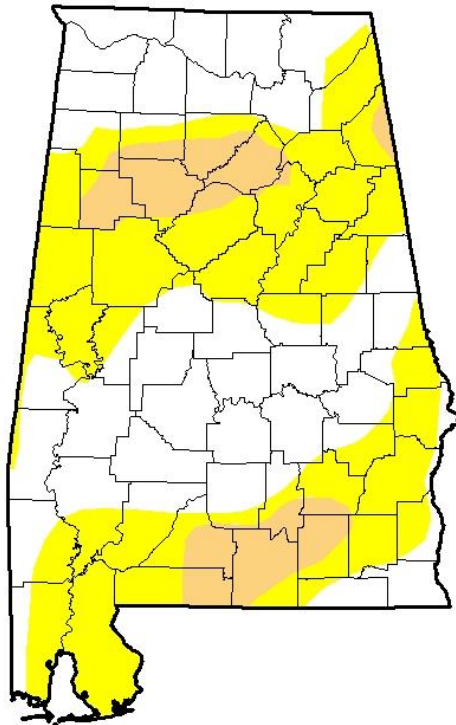
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 18, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.11	53.89	10.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/11/2015	41.15	58.85	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/18/2015	58.33	41.67	0.00	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 8/18/2014	54.84	45.16	4.13	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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