



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Beneficial Cooler Temps and Rainfall This Week

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain in Florence to 1.37 inches in Anniston. Average mean temperatures ranged from 73.0°F in Haleyville to 79.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

Much rainfall has occurred in the last two to three weeks hampering efforts for some corn harvest.-**Tyler Sandlin, REA, Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, and Tuscaloosa Counties.**

Light rain fell in Jackson County. This will delay corn harvest a couple of days. Corn yields continue to look good.-**Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Bolls beginning to open quickly in most cotton fields. Corn harvest progressing with a mostly dry week. The service center received rain late in the week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Corn harvest is in full swing after last week's rainy conditions.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Crop conditions for Monroe County are fair. Parts of the county have gotten very dry, causing stress on crops.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Good weather for corn harvest; otherwise rainfall is needed to fill out this year's crop.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Many areas are in great need of a good rain.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Dented.....	98	97	97	97
Corn - Mature.....	90	81	72	77
Corn - Harvested.....	22	14	19	22
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	98	96	99	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	32	20	17	24
Hay - 2nd Cutting	97	96	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	97	100	96
Soybeans - Blooming	100	98	94	93
Soybeans - Setting Pods	93	88	85	81
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	30	19	22	15

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	25	64	7
Corn	2	10	34	47	7
Cotton	0	2	23	68	7
Pasture and range.....	0	12	35	50	3
Peanuts.....	0	3	17	63	17
Soybeans.....	0	6	32	55	7

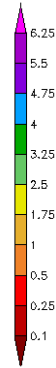
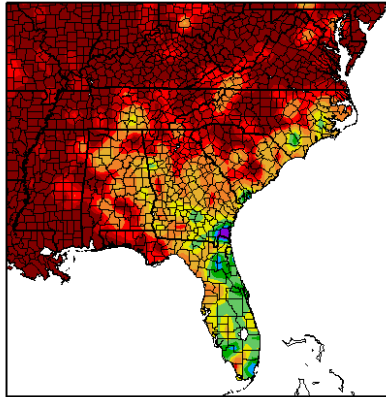
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	5	13
Short	24	24	32
Adequate.....	60	60	49
Surplus.....	13	11	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	4	NA
Short	21	22	NA
Adequate.....	63	64	NA
Surplus.....	13	10	NA

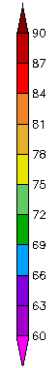
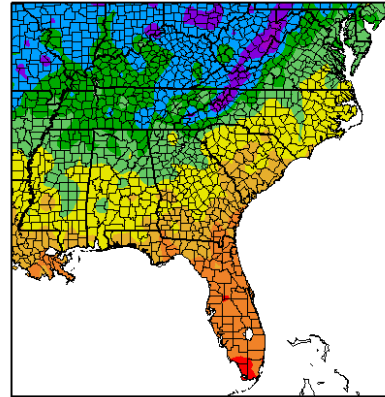
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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Precipitation (in)
8/24/2015 - 8/30/2015



Temperature (F)
8/24/2015 - 8/30/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, August 25, 2015

National Weather Service

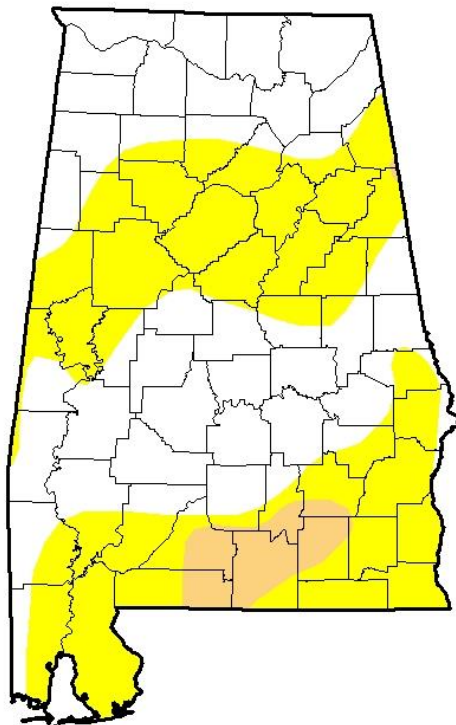
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 25, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.15	49.85	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/18/2015	46.11	53.89	10.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/26/2015	76.69	23.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/23/2014	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 8/26/2014	36.66	63.34	10.18	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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