



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Higher Temperatures and Dry Conditions Returned

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 6, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain in Florence to 1.25 inches in Bessemer. Average mean temperatures ranged from 77.0°F in Rock Mills to 84.0°F in Montgomery.

Comments

We are experiencing hot, dry weather again. The forecast for the week is calling for rain and cooler weather. Soybeans are starting to drop their leaves. Corn harvest should start in the next couple of weeks.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

A dry week opened the door for plenty of farm work. Reports of armyworm and bermudagrass stem maggot continue to come in, with farmers either spraying or mowing to gain some control. Some farmers have begun to stockpile bermudagrass and plant cool season annual forages to extend grazing.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Cotton defoliation began this week. Corn harvest is still ongoing. Good corn yields being reported. Few areas caught any rain showers this week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County is still dry and in need of rain. The south part of the county has suffered the most, causing crops to be stressed. Corn harvest was good.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Patchy rainfall has left many farmers wanting. Weather pattern has been feast or famine. Insect pressures are moderate with more foliage feeders than last week, which further shrink the bottom line.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Dented.....	100	98	100	100
Corn - Mature.....	93	90	88	89
Corn - Harvested.....	39	22	30	32
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	98	100	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	50	32	26	34
Hay - 2nd Cutting	100	97	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	100	98	100	98
Soybeans - Setting Pods	98	93	91	87
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	42	30	32	22
Soybeans - Harvested....	3	NA	NA	NA

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	5	24	64	7
Corn	0	10	35	48	7
Cotton	0	3	25	65	7
Pasture and range.....	0	11	35	51	3
Peanuts.....	0	3	20	60	17
Soybeans.....	0	4	33	55	8

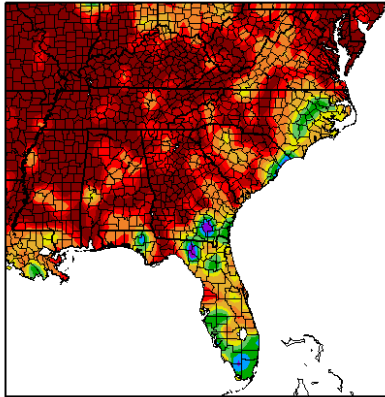
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/06/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	3	14
Short	26	24	28
Adequate.....	61	60	52
Surplus.....	6	13	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	3	NA
Short	22	21	NA
Adequate.....	64	63	NA
Surplus.....	10	13	NA

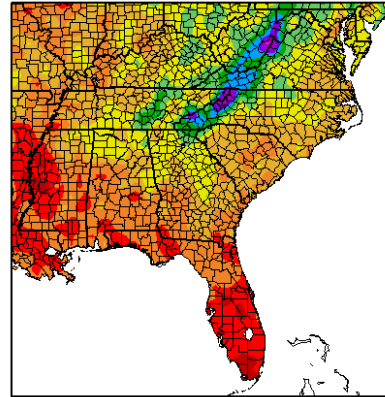
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/1/2015 - 9/7/2015



Temperature (F)
9/1/2015 - 9/7/2015



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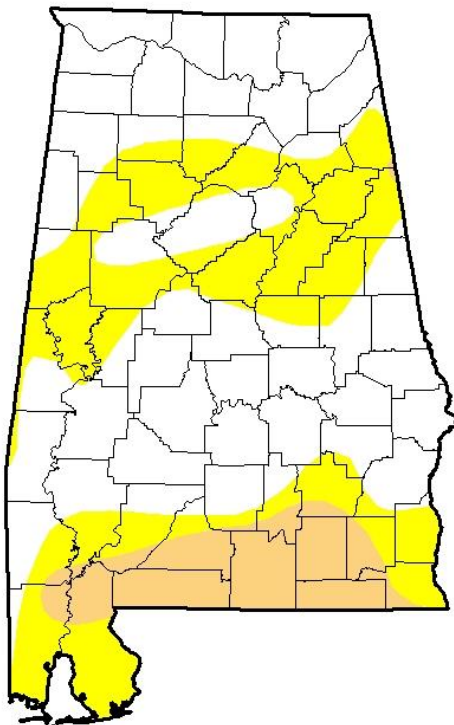
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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 1, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 1, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.18	42.82	11.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/25/2015	50.15	49.85	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/2/2015	96.74	3.26	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 8/2/2014	34.99	65.01	10.19	0.01	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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