



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Harvesting Underway for Row Crops

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 13, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.17 inches in Bessemer to 1.47 inches in Anniston. Average mean temperatures ranged from 74.0°F in Rock Mills to 77.0°F in Mobile.

Comments

Several beneficial rain events of 1 inch or more occurred across the region last week. Farmers have been busy preparing cool season grazing and stockpiling warm season grasses to extend the grazing season.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Crop harvest will be wide open this week as most farmers will have corn dry enough to start harvesting. Some early soybeans have been harvested with yields varying depending on rainfall received. Corn yields also dependent on the rainfall. Final hay harvest is about to be finished.-**Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Most areas saw some rainfall this week, but most totals were light, just enough to keep moisture levels up to hinder corn harvest. We should see cotton pickers in the field this week.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County is desperate for rainfall. Cotton is stressed and peanut producers have halted their digging due to the ground being too hard and dry. Pastures need rainfall as well.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Getting small rains of short duration, just enough to keep things green. Need a good slow rain.-**Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/13/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	96	93	95	95
Corn - Harvested	52	39	47	45
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	61	50	39	47
Soybeans - Setting Pods	99	98	95	91
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	57	42	43	31
Soybeans - Harvested....	11	3	2	2

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/13/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	4	23	66	7
Corn	0	10	34	49	7
Cotton	0	3	27	63	7
Pasture and range.....	0	11	36	50	3
Peanuts.....	0	3	23	57	17
Soybeans.....	0	4	29	59	8

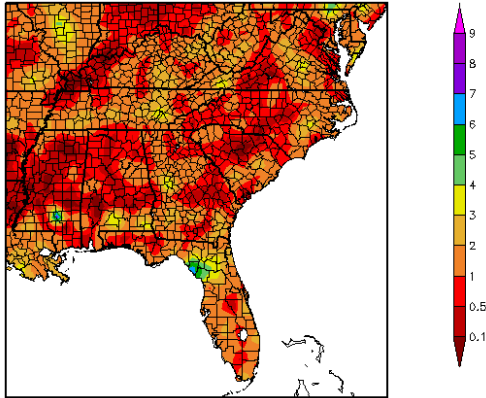
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/13/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7	14
Short	23	26	26
Adequate.....	63	61	55
Surplus.....	6	6	5
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	4	NA
Short	21	22	NA
Adequate.....	64	64	NA
Surplus.....	8	10	NA

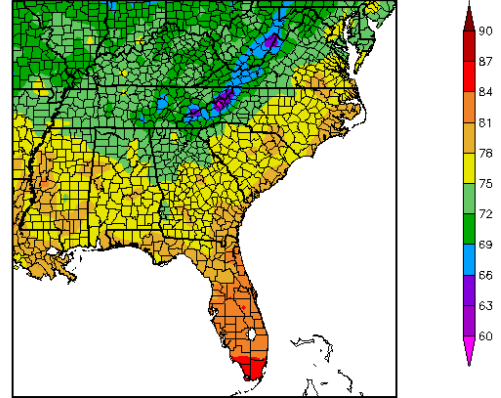
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/7/2015 - 9/13/2015



Temperature (F)
9/7/2015 - 9/13/2015



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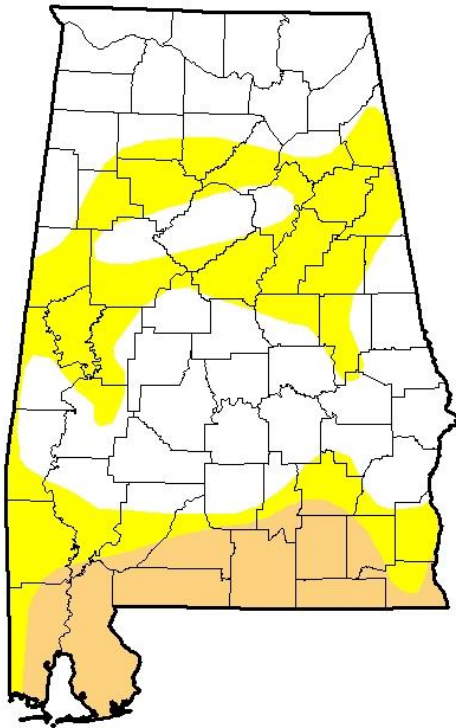
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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 8, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 8, 2015

(Released Thursday, Sep. 10, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.91	47.09	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/1/2015	57.18	42.82	11.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/9/2015	96.74	3.26	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 9/9/2014	36.26	63.74	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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