



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Some Helpful Rainfall, Still More Needed

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 27, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in Hoover to 9.13 in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 71.3°F in Anniston to 75.3°F in Mobile.

Comments

Another week with no rain. This is good for harvest, but not so good for double crop soybeans and pasture. **-Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Light rain late in the week did little to improve soil moisture conditions across the region. Increasingly dry conditions are holding back winter forages planted in recent weeks and leading to over grazed conditions on summer pastures. With the promise of rain in the coming week, many farmers have been busy planting winter pastures. **-Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Cotton harvest moved into full swing this week; however, rain showers did delay field work in areas of Elmore and Montgomery counties. **-Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Monroe County has received some rainfall in sparse areas this week. Drought conditions are beginning to affect cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Pastures are dry as well. **-Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Harvest of peanuts and cotton starting to begin. **-James Jones Jr., CEC, Henry County.**

Getting rain, but need more. Hay still being cut. Pastures are still producing grass. **-Charles Simon, CEC, Covington County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	99	98	100	99
Corn - Harvested	83	71	77	80
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	79	70	74	71
Cotton - Harvested	6	1	12	8
Peanuts - Harvested	20	11	10	9
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	77	65	70	56
Soybeans - Harvested	27	18	17	9

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	28	61	7
Cotton	0	4	28	62	6
Pasture and range	0	16	43	39	2
Peanuts	0	7	21	56	16
Soybeans	0	4	33	55	8

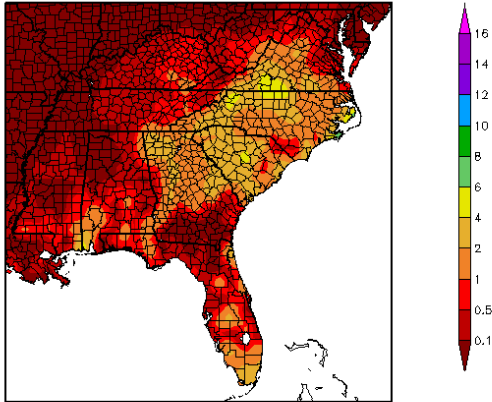
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/27/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	8	8	16
Short	35	32	28
Adequate	51	54	53
Surplus	6	6	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	8	10	NA
Short	30	28	NA
Adequate	58	58	NA
Surplus	4	4	NA

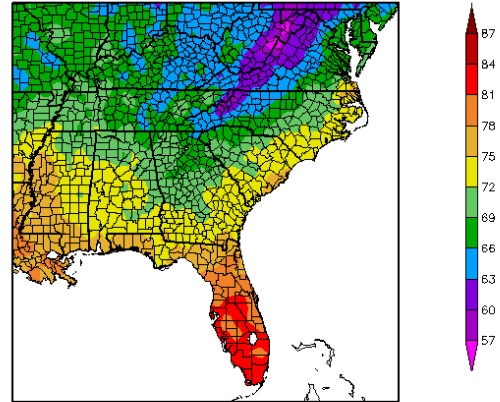
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
9/21/2015 - 9/27/2015



Temperature (F)
9/21/2015 - 9/27/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 22, 2015

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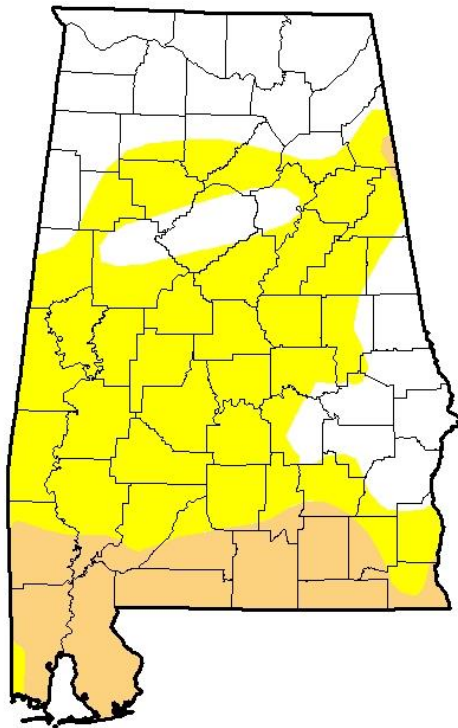
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 22, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.16	66.84	17.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/15/2015	33.21	66.79	17.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/23/2015	67.87	32.13	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/29/2014	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 9/23/2014	37.03	62.97	11.63	0.00	0.00	0.00

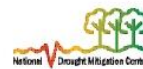
Intensity:

- 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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