



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Dry Conditions Impacting Pastures and Crops

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 25, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in Bessemer to 0.29 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 62.8°F in Muscle Shoals to 69.6°F in Mobile.

Comments

Several days of frost early last week practically shut down warm season grasses, prompting many farmers to provide supplemental nutrition for livestock. Continued drought conditions have prevented winter pasture establishment for much of the region.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Another mostly dry week. Harvest of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts are ahead of normal schedule. A late week front brought some rain to the service center with more expected next week. Pasture conditions have rapidly declined with the dry weather.-**Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

It was a great week for harvesting crops, but not so good if you're doing any planting.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Monroe County is in the middle of harvest season. Dry weather continues to be covering the entire county. Crop yields will be altered somewhat due to lack of rain. Pastures are very dry.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Need rain to enable peanut harvesting to continue and winter grazing.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/25/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	98	97	97	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening	94	92	95	95
Cotton - Harvested	57	48	51	45
Peanuts - Harvested.....	68	60	70	63
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	97	91	96	94
Soybeans - Harvested.....	60	46	59	47
Winter Wheat - Planted	26	19	22	24
Winter Wheat - Emerged..	5	NA	13	9

Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/25/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	5	30	59	6
Cotton	0	4	30	58	8
Pasture and range.....	5	19	46	29	1
Soybeans.....	0	4	30	58	8

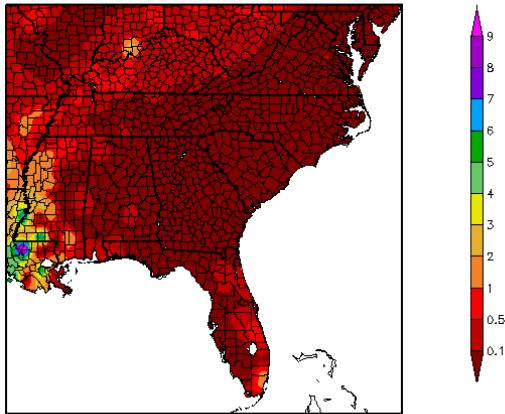
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/25/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	18	14	18
Short	40	35	30
Adequate.....	40	47	51
Surplus.....	2	4	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	12	NA
Short	34	29	NA
Adequate.....	48	55	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	NA

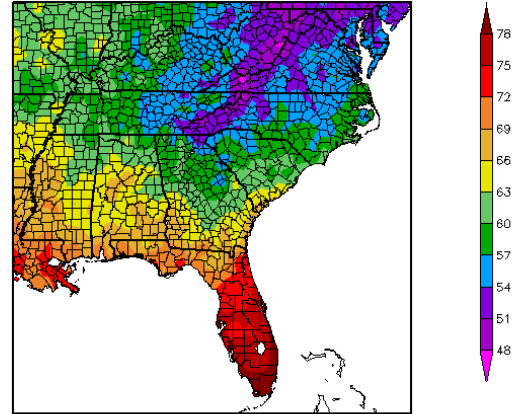
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/19/2015 - 10/25/2015



Temperature (F)
10/19/2015 - 10/25/2015



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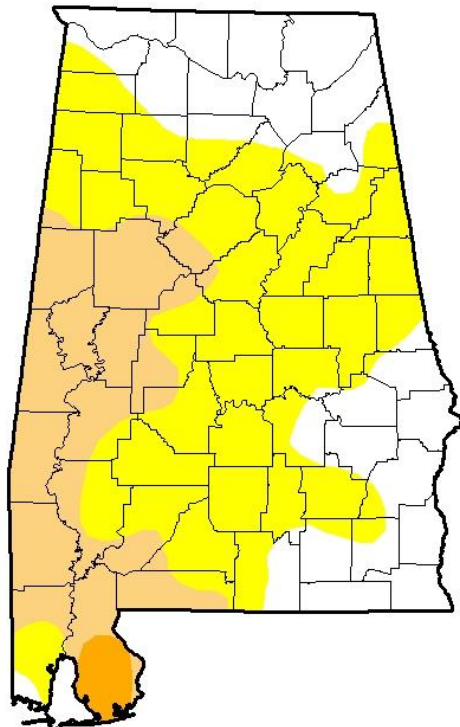
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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 20, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 20, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.99	71.01	24.41	1.63	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10/13/2015	37.29	62.71	19.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/21/2015	59.22	40.78	8.60	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 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/21/2014	44.24	55.76	17.23	1.25	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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