



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Much Needed Rainfall In Most of the State

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 1, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.53 inches in Montgomery to 8.41 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 59.5°F in Gadsden to 71.2°F in Mobile.

Comments

We got some much needed rain this week. It hindered harvest but was good for pasture and wheat planting.-**Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston Counties.**

Significant rainfall fell throughout the region this week bringing much needed moisture for cool season pastures.-**Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

After defoliating our cotton, we are seeing a lot of hard-locked bolls along the plot borders next to soybeans. We are thinking that the brown marmorated stink bug is responsible.-**Don Moore, Autauga Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Monroe County received much rain this week which has been the only rain received for October. Crop conditions for cotton are good in some parts of county and fair in other parts. Peanut harvesting is progressing with reported fair yields compared to last year's. The remaining peanuts still out in the field may possibly have aflatoxin due to them sprouting again from rain receive this week.-**Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

Weekend rains brought a halt to harvesting activities for now. Hopefully harvesting will continue later this week. See some emergency of winter grassing which should help in feeding cattle.-**Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/01/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	100	98	100	100
Cotton - Bolls Opening	96	94	96	97
Cotton - Harvested	66	57	63	56
Peanuts - Harvested.....	77	68	80	75
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	98	97	97	98
Soybeans - Harvested.....	69	60	72	60
Winter Wheat - Planted	34	26	35	33
Winter Wheat - Emerged..	12	5	22	17

Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/01/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	31	58	7
Pasture and range.....	3	16	48	32	1

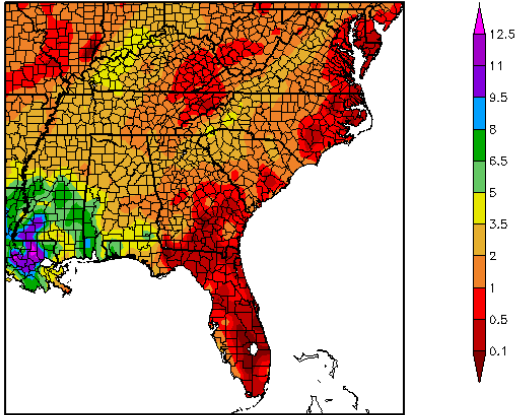
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/01/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	10	18	16
Short	20	40	35
Adequate.....	60	40	48
Surplus.....	10	2	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	9	16	NA
Short	18	34	NA
Adequate.....	63	48	NA
Surplus.....	10	2	NA

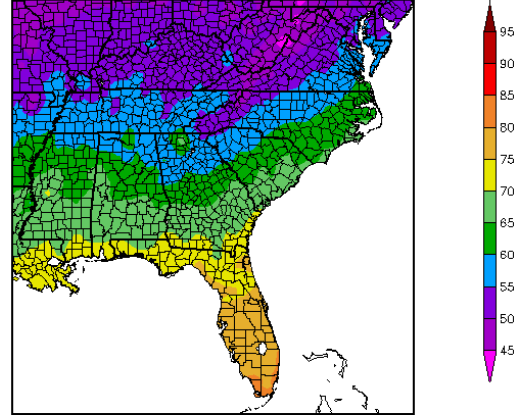
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)
10/26/2015 - 11/1/2015



Temperature (F)
10/26/2015 - 11/1/2015



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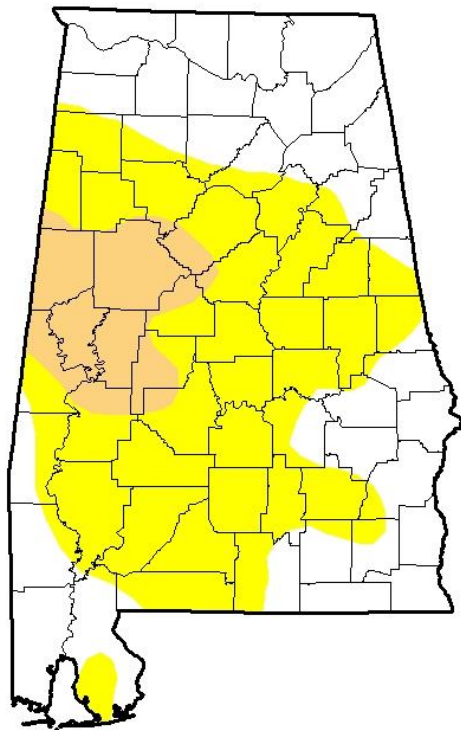
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U.S. Drought Monitor, October 27, 2015

National Weather Service

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 27, 2015

(Released Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.15	57.85	11.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10/20/2015	28.99	71.01	24.41	1.63	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/26/2015	59.90	40.10	9.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/01/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/26/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/28/2014	39.41	60.59	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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