



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## A Good Week For Fieldwork

### 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, November 29, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain in Mobile to 2.24 inches in Athens. Average mean temperatures ranged from 54.7°F in Muscle Shoals to 60.5°F in Mobile.

### Comments

A dry week facilitated considerable fieldwork, including overseeding pastures with cool season forages. Early planted cool season annual pastures are helping to extend the grazing season for some farmers. **-Henry Dorough, REA, Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties.**

Most Jackson County farmers have finished harvesting their 2015 crops. Some farmers exceeded last year's yield averages. **-Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

Most row crop harvest is complete, a few fields of cotton and soybeans left to go. **-Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Montgomery, and Tallapoosa Counties.**

Mobile has had adequate rain. Producers have had plenty of work days in the field. **-LaShannda James, FSA CED, Mobile County.**

A good deal of headway was made in harvesting activities this week. Grades are not very good. There are still some fields with low wet spots. Some row crop farmers are making some difficult decisions. **-Willie Durr, CEC, Houston County.**

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/29/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested .....	85	81	91	92
Peanuts - Harvested.....	90	82	99	97
Soybeans - Harvested.....	92	87	95	94
Winter Wheat - Planted ....	88	74	75	75
Winter Wheat - Emerged..	68	50	58	52

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/29/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	4	28	61	7
Pasture and range.....	2	11	50	36	1
Winter Wheat .....	0	4	12	84	0

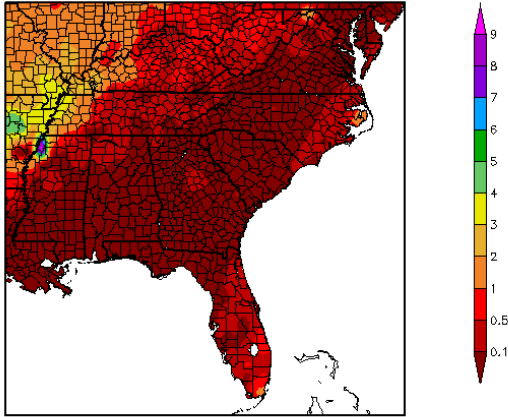
### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/29/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	13
Short .....	6	5	33
Adequate.....	73	71	50
Surplus.....	20	23	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short .....	8	8	NA
Adequate.....	74	70	NA
Surplus.....	17	21	NA

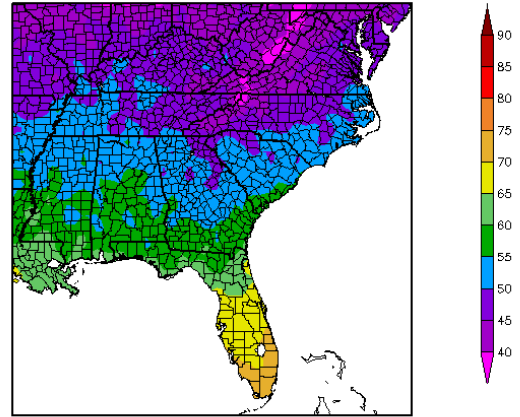
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

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

Precipitation (in)  
11/23/2015 - 11/29/2015



Temperature (F)  
11/23/2015 - 11/29/2015



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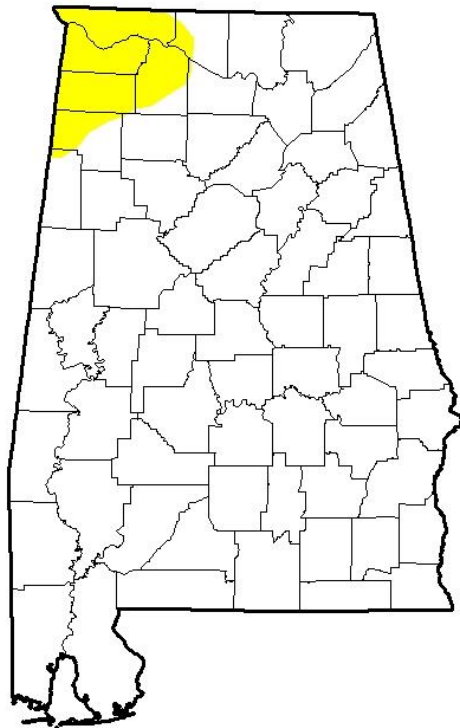
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## U.S. Drought Monitor, November 24, 2015

National Weather Service

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

### U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



### November 24, 2015

(Released Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	94.20	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 11/17/2015	87.51	12.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 8/25/2015	50.15	49.85	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/23/2014	62.49	37.51	3.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11/25/2014	36.15	63.85	12.61	1.58	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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