



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 1.25 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Wheat crop looks really good. However, our dry land spring seeded crops are in desperate need of rain.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Corn is starting to need a rain. Wheat looks very good

Tim Malone, Marion County

A dry week allowed cotton planting to progress quickly as producers took advantage of the good field conditions. Most first hay cutting is complete. Rainfall would be welcomed now that most crops are in the ground.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Planting in progress-cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Hay harvest in progress

Rudy Yates, Marengo County

A good bit of peanuts have been planted. Pastures are in good shape. Most of the corn is planted and looks great.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Some row crop farmers are continuing to plant, especially in no-till situations. Dry, windy conditions have significantly slowed planting in conventional fields. Pastures, dry land plantings, and cattle need rain.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged	97	92	78	82
Cotton - Planted.....	56	44	41	50
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	54	39	65	45
Peanuts - Planted	38	20	38	34
Soybeans - Planted	36	24	30	26
Soybeans - Emerged	9	NA	9	14
Winter Wheat - Headed ...	97	90	98	94
Winter Wheat - Harvested	1	NA	8	4

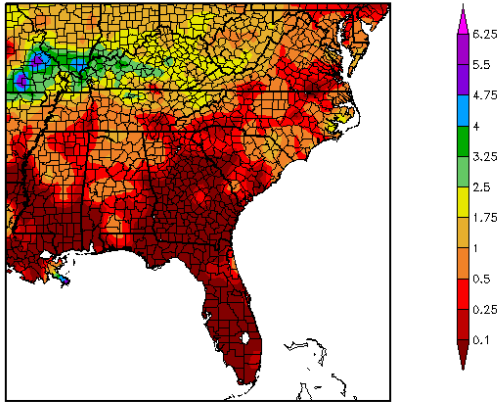
Conditions for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	8	78	13
Corn	0	7	18	68	7
Pasture and range	1	1	16	67	15
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	17	68	15

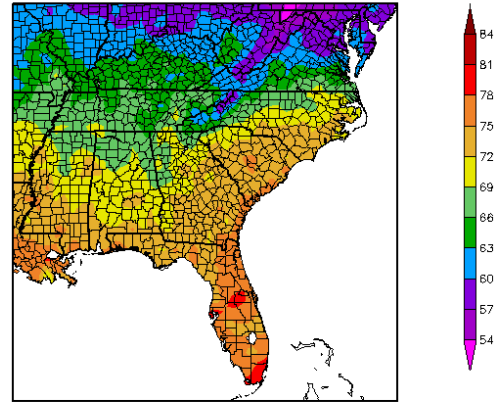
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	5	5
Short.....	20	17	19
Adequate	70	73	60
Surplus	5	5	16
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	3	NA
Short.....	12	10	NA
Adequate	81	82	NA
Surplus	4	5	NA

Precipitation (in)
5/9/2016 - 5/15/2016



Temperature (F)
5/9/2016 - 5/15/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.99	21.11	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/2/2016	86.10	13.90	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/9/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Winter Year 9/28/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/2/2015	52.56	47.44	0.00	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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