



**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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 23, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.08 to 2.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

All spring planted crops need rain. The corn is greatly distressed. As for other spring planted crops, growth has stopped. The wheat crop looks good.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

The corn crop is needing a rain really bad. The cool nights are not sitting well with the cotton crop. The dry weather is helping with the harvest of hay.

Tim Malone, Marion County

A few warm season pastures are slow to grow due to dry and relatively cool conditions. Most farm activities included mowing and spraying to clean up pastures.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Conditions are getting dry. Hay producers worked diligently to get their first cutting of hay before the rain on Friday.

Julia Crownover, Jackson County

Cotton, corn, and peanut planting are complete for the most part. Stands are good, but in need of rain. Winter wheat is drying down quickly with harvest beginning within the next 2-3 weeks.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/22/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted.....	71	56	58	69
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	72	54	79	62
Peanuts - Planted.....	54	38	54	51
Soybeans - Planted.....	51	36	44	37
Soybeans - Emerged.....	28	9	23	23
Winter Wheat - Harvested	8	1	13	10

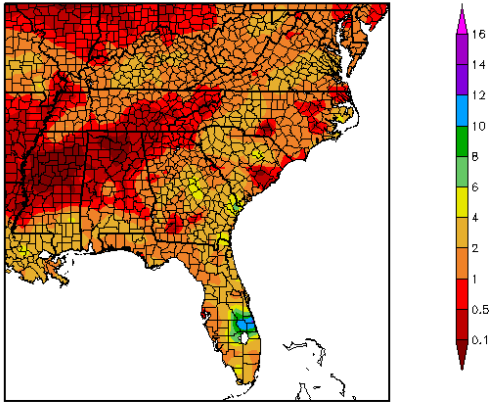
Conditions for Week Ending 05/22/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	9	76	14
Corn.....	0	11	18	54	17
Pasture and range.....	1	1	17	66	15
Winter Wheat.....	0	3	16	68	13

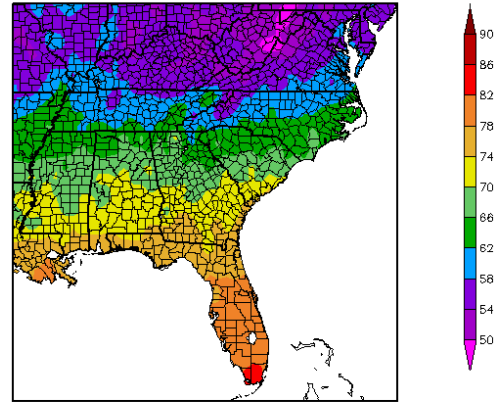
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/22/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	5	7
Short.....	23	20	21
Adequate.....	65	70	61
Surplus.....	5	5	11
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	NA
Short.....	16	12	NA
Adequate.....	76	81	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	NA

Precipitation (in)
5/16/2016 - 5/22/2016



Temperature (F)
5/16/2016 - 5/22/2016



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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	57.74	42.26	7.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/9/2016	78.89	21.11	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/16/2016	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 8/28/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/9/2015	58.33	41.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought
- D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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