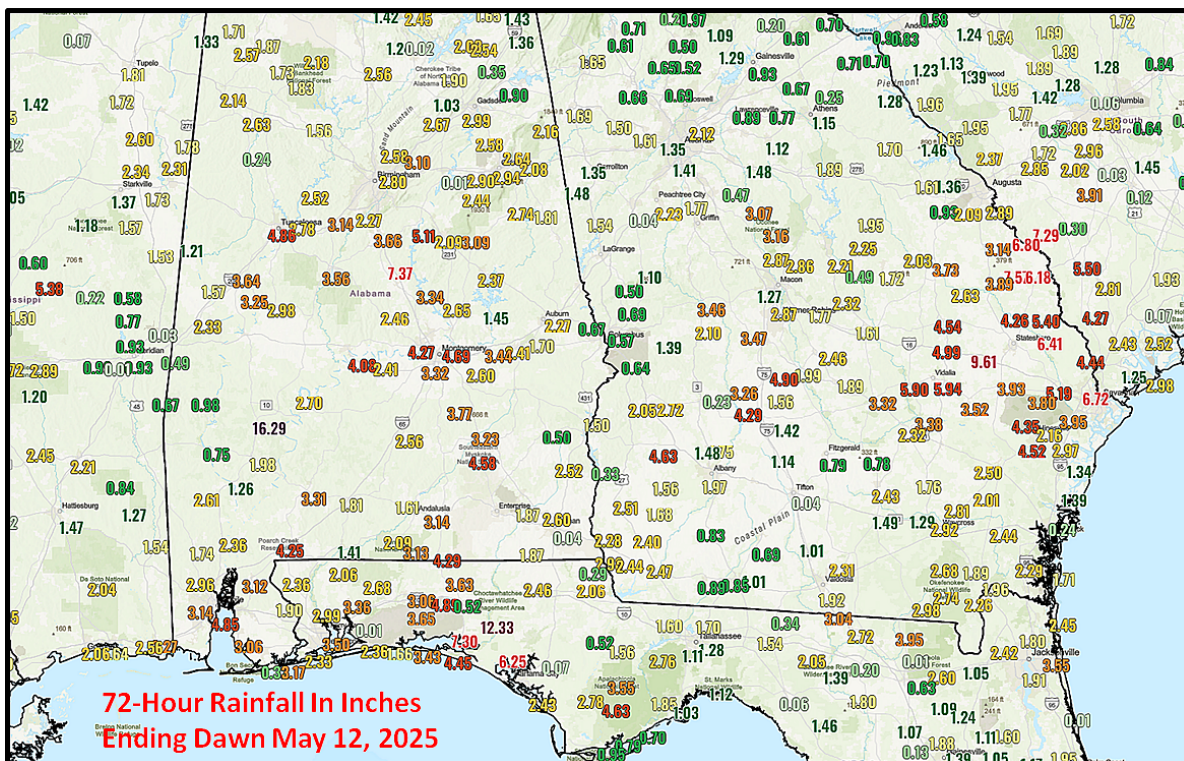


Portions of U.S. Southeast Get Welcome Rain

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Kansas City, May 12 (World Weather Inc.) – Portions of the southeastern United States received significant rain during the weekend as a slow moving upper level low pressure center started to move through the region. The system will continue to produce rain in some areas for the next three days bringing some additional relief to previously dry areas. This week's rain will be greatest in areas from eastern and northern Georgia and to Virginia with lighter rain west into the northern Delta and Tennessee River Basin. In the meantime, some of the rain in southern Georgia and southeastern most Alabama may have been disappointing, although welcome.



Weekend rain totals were impressive with amounts varying from 2.50 to more than 5.00 inches from eastern Mississippi through northwestern Florida, Alabama and central and southern Georgia to far southern South Carolina. Some local rain totals of 5.00 to 9.61 inches of rain fell in eastern Georgia near the South Carolina border.

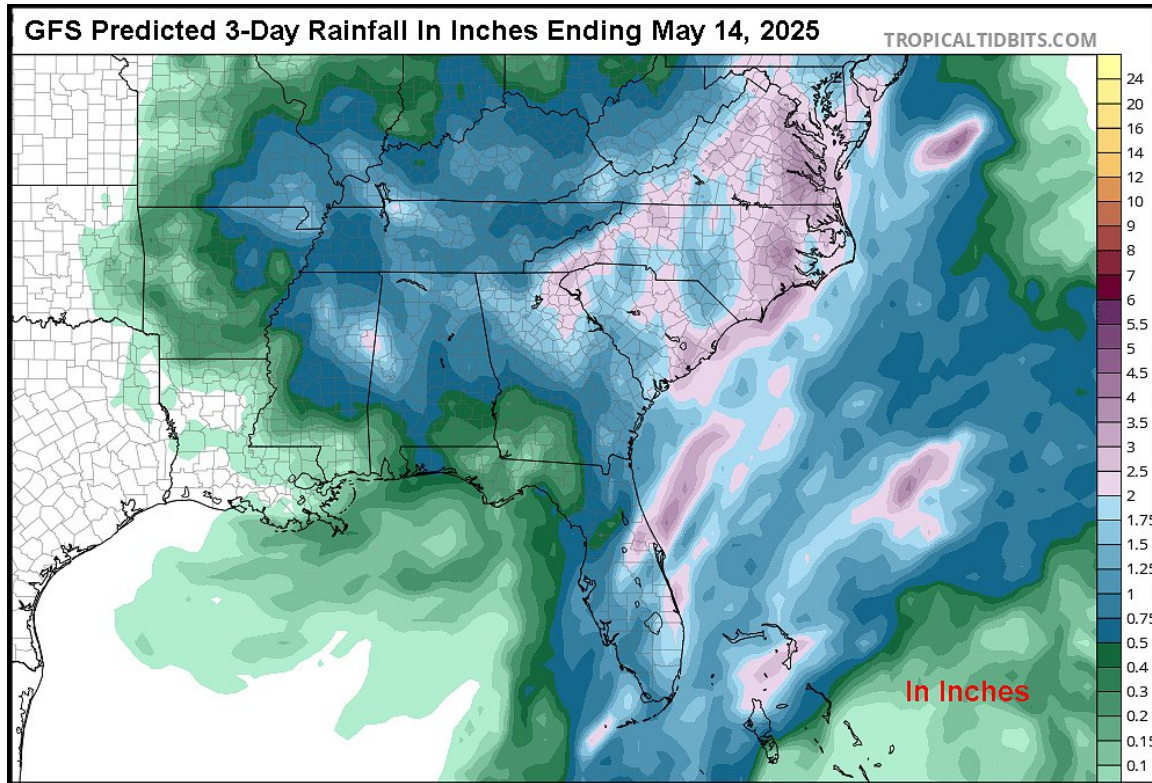
Southern Georgia and far southeastern Alabama received some of the lightest rain with amounts of 0.69 inch to 2.60 inches. The moisture was welcome, but not nearly as great as that which fell in central through southern Alabama, northwestern Florida and from central Georgia to southern South Carolina. This important cotton and peanut production region will need some additional moisture, although no one will complain about the precipitation that fell.

Most of the southeastern United States had been drying out rather significantly in recent weeks. Rain was needed most in southeastern Alabama, southern Georgia and from eastern South Carolina to eastern North Carolina and parts of Virginia.

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The greatest rain has ended for Alabama, Mississippi, southern Georgia and northern Florida, although some additional moisture will be possible today. The greatest rain over the next three days will be in the areas from eastern and northern Georgia to Virginia where 1.00 to 3.00 inches and a few amounts over 4.00 inches will be possible.

Overall, by Wednesday, a significant amount of relief will have occurred in the southeastern U.S. from previous dryness; however, more rain will be needed in southern Georgia, parts of Florida and extreme southeastern Alabama.



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