



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Heavy Rains Prolonged Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 17, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	63	46	70	65
Corn Emerged	37	25	29	37
Cotton Planted	2	0	3	4
Winter Wheat Headed	31	N/A	8	7

N/A =Not Available

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	37	61	1
Cotton	0	0	52	46	2
Winter Wheat	0	2	13	76	9
Livestock	0	1	17	75	7
Pasture & Range	0	4	27	62	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.5	0	0	62	38
District 20	3.6	0	0	50	50
District 30	4.7	0	6	71	23
District 40	5.7	0	11	80	9
District 50	6.3	11	28	59	2
District 60	6.6	3	39	58	0
State: Current Week	5.1	1	13	62	24
State: Previous	4.1	1	7	60	32

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Darryl Rutland, Program Technician for the Colbert and Franklin County FSA, commented that 3-4 inches of rain was being reported in the county. Susan McDonald, FSA County Executive Director, stated that rainfall totals since April have averaged around 2.5 to 3.5 inches in Morgan County. Don Moore, Director of the Prattville Agricultural Research Center, reported .6 inches of rain at the service center this past week.

The average mean temperature for the week ranged from 60.3 degrees in Huntsville, to 67.3 degrees in Mobile. The total precipitation ranged from .09 inches in Mobile to 3.12 in Muscle Shoals.

Small Grains: The winter wheat crop was in full head emergence in Franklin County this past week and the last fungicide was being applied, reported Eric Schavey, Regional Extension Agent. McDonald stated that both wheat and canola looked good this past week due to warm temperatures. James Jones Jr., County Executive Coordinator for Henry County, stated that small grain crops were heading this past week and is in need of some moisture to fill out seed heads.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Flooding occurred throughout the state in low lying areas, which will require replanting of corn on several acres. Joshua Ford, Program Technician for the Lauderdale County FSA, commented that the heavy rainfall last week stopped the planting of corn as the county was too wet to run planters. McDonald stated that 50% of the corn planted in Morgan County has emerged, however some may have to be replanted because of standing water. Alfred Jackson, County Agent, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program, commented that crops such as soybeans and corn may be a little behind in planting in West Alabama because of the rainfall. For the past two to three weeks it has rained at least once a week making planting difficult. Jones Jr. commented that rainfall is needed to begin planting cotton and later peanuts.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: McDonald commented that pastures continue to look good due to the warm temperatures. Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent, commented that weather conditions were ideal for most forage crop producers. Jackson commented that pastures are looking great for now, and current rain patterns have seemed to enhance vigorous growth. Jackson also stated that livestock sales in West Alabama have been good, mainly due to prices. Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent, stated that cattle looked good and that most pastures have an adequate amount of quality grass. Glover also stated that producers should begin cutting hay in the next few weeks. Charles Simon, County Executive Coordinator for Covington County, stated that pastures are receiving adequate amounts of water and growing well.

Monday, April 11th, 2011 to Sunday, April 17th, 2011 (7 day)

Name	City	State	Total Precipitation Value (in)	Average Mean Temperature Value (F)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	2.85	62.1
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	3.1	63.7
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	1.78	62.3
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	2.94	62.6
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	1.14	64.2
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	2.47	60.3
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	0.09	67.3
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	1.11	65.1
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	3.12	60.5
Pinson	Pinson	AL	1.13	60.5
Selma	Selma	AL	1.85	65.4

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