



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Storms Caused Crop Damage

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 24, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	74	63	86	80
Corn Emerged	49	37	53	53
Cotton Planted	5	2	13	13
Peanuts Planted	1	1	0	2
Soybeans Planted	0	0	6	9
Winter Wheat Headed	63	31	24	15

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	39	58	1
Cotton	0	0	72	27	1
Peanuts	0	0	96	4	0
Soybeans	0	0	12	88	0
Winter Wheat	0	2	16	70	12
Livestock	0	1	15	76	8
Pasture & Range	0	5	22	65	8

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	2.6	0	0	57	43
District 20	2.7	0	0	44	56
District 30	4.3	0	8	67	25
District 40	5.5	1	15	72	12
District 50	6.2	17	36	46	1
District 60	6.7	9	53	38	0
State: Current Week	4.6	4	18	52	26
State: Previous	5.1	1	13	62	24

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Shane Seay, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), said the continued rainfall in Limestone County has hindered planting and land preparation. Dawn Hoagland, FSA CED for Blount, Jefferson, and Walker Counties, reports hail damage in some fruit crops. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, a division of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), said 0.2 inches of rain was received at the service center during the past

week. Alfred Jackson, County Agent for the Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program, said scattered rain seemed to come once a week to his area. Rudy Yates, ACES Regional Extension Agent (REA), said last week's storms necessitated removing trees from fence rows and crop fields, as well as repairing damaged buildings. Yates said the winds and tornados that swept through West Central Alabama caused damage to crops, equipment, and buildings. Conversely, Jimmy Smitherman, ACES County Extension Coordinator (CEC), reported localized areas of drought in Montgomery County. Carolyn Bradley, FSA Program Technician, said the last few thunderstorms that came through Conecuh County did not provide needed rain. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said weather conditions are turning dry with soil moisture depleting in Henry County.

Small Grains: Seay and Tim Malone, FSA CED for Marion and Winston Counties, said wet conditions are increasing disease in the wheat crop, and local storms with high winds have blown down some wheat. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED for Madison County, said the recent rainfall and strong winds have begun to lay down the wheat crop. Donald Mann, FSA CED, said wet weather in Jackson County is causing the wheat crop to suffer, and some producers have to hire an airplane to complete their spraying. Yates, however, said the wheat crop in his area was advancing well and the wheat heads are filling out.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Atkinson and Malone both said the continuous wet conditions have hindered corn planting. Mann said the planting of corn acreage is way behind normal due to the extremely wet spring, only very high, well-drained soil has been planted at this time. Yates said depending on the location, some corn was still being planted, and ground was being prepared for cotton, peanuts, and soybean planting. Mann said no cotton or soybeans have been planted yet in Jackson County. Donna Senn, FSA CED in Barbour County, said producers are holding back on cotton planting due to the wet weather conditions

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Jackson said many areas in the western Black Belt began cutting hay this week, and livestock continues to look good with prices holding steady. Brenda Glover, REA for ACES, said in the next couple of week's producers in her area will begin cutting hay if the weather permits. She also said they have had plenty of moisture for pastures and hay crops to grow. Jim Todd, ACES CEC in Clarke County said pastures are very dry, and the lack of rainfall is affecting hay production.

Southeast Regional Climate Center

Total Precipitation for Monday, April 18th, 2011 to Sunday, April 24th, 2011 (7 day)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total Precipitation Value (in)</u>	<u>Average Mean Temperature Value (F)</u>
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	0.01	67.6
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	0.65	69.2
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	1.5	70.6
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	1.02	70.9
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	0.32	67
Clayton	Clayton	AL	0	71.4
Dauphin Island	Dauphin Island	AL	0	73.6
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	0	71.7
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	0	71.8
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	1.38	68.9
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	1.19	69.6
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	0	71.8
Greenville	Greenville	AL	0	68.6
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	2.9	66.8
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	1.48	69.4
Huntsville Intl Ap	Madison	AL	1.48	69.4
Mobile Regional Ap	Mobile	AL	0	74.9
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	0	71.6
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	0.78	70.1
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	2.42	67.1
Selma	Selma	AL	0	70.6
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	0.55	65.6

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