



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Hot Dry Weather Takes Toll

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 5, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	100	100	100	100
Corn Emerged	99	97	100	99
Cotton Planted	84	77	92	94
Cotton Squaring	2	N/A	1	1
Peanuts Planted	68	59	83	85
Soybeans Planted	50	38	73	71
Soybeans Emerged	36	24	55	56
Winter Wheat Headed	100	100	100	94
Winter Wheat Harvested	28	20	19	12
Hay Harvested – 1 st Cutting	80	72	62	59

N/A = Not Applicable

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	3	19	34	40	4
Cotton	7	25	41	26	1
Peanuts	11	20	50	19	0
Soybeans	1	4	40	55	0
Winter Wheat	1	5	16	64	14
Livestock	2	7	27	54	10
Pasture & Range	14	12	31	33	10

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.6	0	19	77	4
District 20	6.5	2	67	30	1
District 30	6.3	34	50	16	0
District 40	6.1	24	52	21	3
District 50	6.6	62	31	7	0
District 60	6.4	74	25	1	0
State: Current Week	6.4	30	38	30	2
State: Previous	5.9	24	30	39	7

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald Mann, Farm Service Agency (FSA), County Executive Director (CED), said the hot, dry weather has affected all crops and livestock in Jackson County. Josh Ford, FSA,

Program Technician (PT), said Lauderdale County has received less than ½ inch of rain since May 15. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said Chambers and Lee Counties have received very little rain in 2011 and are in dire need of moisture. Kevan Tucker, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) County Executive Coordinator (CEC), said dry conditions continue to worsen in Clarke County. Shane Seay, FSA CED in Limestone County, said extreme heat quickly made conditions dry. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said the average temperature this week in Clay and Randolph counties was in the mid to high nineties. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said Conecuh County is now on the drought list, while Karen McDonald, FSA CED, said Monroe County is in a severe drought with all pasture and crops affected. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said the western Blackbelt counties are drying out fast as many areas have not had rainfall in the past fourteen days. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said most of the planting is complete in Marion and Winston Counties, while Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said field work has been cut back to a minimum or even stopped in Henry County.

Small Grains: Mann said wheat harvest has begun and yields are better than expected in Jackson County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Ford and Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said corn is beginning to twist in some parts of Lauderdale and Crenshaw Counties due to the lack of moisture and extreme heat. Malone and Jackson said corn shows some stress due to the hot, dry weather. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said the majority of the corn crop appears to be lost in Clarke and Washington Counties. Hendry said cotton producers are waiting as long as possible to resume planting; however, some cotton was dusted-in this week. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, said cotton and peanuts have been planted in Covington County, but most will not emerge until rainfall is received. Man said most soybean planting has stopped due to lack of soil moisture in Jackson County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Blackburn said hay and pasture fields look like the end of summer instead of early June in Chambers and Lee Counties. The persistent dry conditions coupled with extreme heat halted haying operations as forages are going dormant, said Henry Dorough, ACES Regional Extension Agent (REA) for Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said pastures are short on grazing substance because of high temperatures and no rain in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Malone said hay cutting is going well in Marion and Winston Counties with yields on first cutting reported as good. Jackson said hay cutting in Green County is at full speed. Dorough said pastures are in jeopardy of severe overgrazing, forcing producers to provide supplemental feed to livestock. Barnes said in most cases cattle producers are feeding hay that was produced this year as hay supplies are low in Covington County. Chavers, said due to the drought conditions in Crenshaw County, producers are already calling to inquire about assistance.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, May 30, 2011, to Sunday, June 5, 2011
(7 days)
<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

U.S. Drought Monitor, May 31, 2011
National Weather Service
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Name	City	State	Total Precipitation Value (in.)	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	0	82.9
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	0	82.9
Atmore	Atmore	AL	0	83.8
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	0	83.3
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	0	84.3
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	0	80.9
Clayton	Clayton	AL	0	83.9
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	0	83.9
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	0	84
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	0.8	83.9
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	0	81.9
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	0	80.8
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	0	83.7
Huntsville Intl Ap	Madison	AL	0	83.7
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	0	85.1
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	0	84.7
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	0.09	82.7
Pinson	Pinson	AL	0	80.6
Selma	Selma	AL	0	83.7
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	0	83.6
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	0	82.9

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.25	66.75	43.51	34.26	13.15	0.00
Last Week (05/24/2011 map)	33.25	66.75	42.79	33.55	12.87	0.00
3 Months Ago (03/01/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	38.70	3.31	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (05/25/2010 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

