



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Scattered Rains Help Crops, More Needed

Data tables reflect the week ending: July 3, 2011

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	71	60	88	81
Cotton Squaring	30	21	55	54
Cotton Setting Bolls	4	0	12	9
Peanuts Planted	86	85	99	100
Peanuts Pegged	14	11	21	19
Soybeans Planted	95	89	97	96
Soybeans Emerged	82	74	86	86
Soybeans Blooming	3	N/A	19	19
Winter Wheat Harvested	98	95	95	64
Hay Harvested – 1 st Cutting	95	93	94	96

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	14	22	33	30	1
Cotton	14	25	31	28	2
Peanuts	11	22	46	20	1
Soybeans	4	14	35	44	3
Winter Wheat	1	4	13	57	25
Livestock	4	10	36	47	3
Pasture & Range	16	23	36	24	1

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.8	8	14	69	9
District 20	4.8	0	20	79	1
District 30	5.6	45	31	22	2
District 40	6.1	29	58	13	0
District 50	6.5	50	36	14	0
District 60	5.9	49	28	21	2
State: Current Week	5.6	27	29	41	3
State: Previous	5.3	31	34	34	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Dorothy Chavers Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED) in Crenshaw County commented that crops, livestock, and pastures have made a great improvement over the past two weeks due to the rain the county has received. The west side of the county appears to have gotten more rain than the east side. Jack Tatum Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA) stated that in isolated places some rain was still needed. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED said parts of counties have received some rain while other parts have received little rain since April. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES County Extension Coordinator (CEC) in Montgomery County said spotted rains were helpful. Alex Brand FSA Agent for Wilcox County stated that scattered thunderstorms have given some areas rainfall, but most areas were still extremely dry. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, reported the Western Blackbelt continued to be in drought condition; scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms were not producing enough rainfall to overcome current drought conditions. Cindy Owens FSA CED in Fayette County said that there was approximately 1.5 inches of rainfall this week, which helped the crops a great deal. Bobby Beasley FSA CED in Henry County said that some areas in surrounding counties received some rainfall, but far less than needed. The county has yet to receive limited spotted rain out of all thunderstorms that have moved through the area.

Small Grains: Susan L. McDonald FSA CED in Morgan County commented the wheat crop has been harvested. Wheat harvested for the majority of the state have reached 100 percent harvested. This week, winter wheat harvested was at 98 percent.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Susan L. McDonald FSA CED in Morgan County stated that since the rain this week, corn and soybeans have improved. Jeffery Smith FSA CED in Elmore County commented three inches of rain was received for the week and as a result cotton, soybeans and peanuts looking much better. Corn was fair despite no rain earlier in the growing season. Several vegetable growers said that sweet corn was poor because of dry conditions. Karen D. McDonald FSA CED in Monroe County stated that the county continues to be in a stressed state due to lack of rain. There was about 1/4 inch of rain in some parts of the county this week. The cotton that has finally come up was in three to four different stages of growth. Some cotton was barely up, therefore questioning the fact, will it make before the first frost. Some cotton had to be replanted and was not surfacing as of yet due to no rainfall after planting. The corn crop was a disaster due to no rainfall as well. Jim Todd CEC ACES in Mobile County said that row crops received much needed showers although the rain was very spotty and amounts vary greatly.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Susan L. McDonald FSA CED in Morgan County said that pastures have improved. First cutting of hay has been completed and second cutting for some producers will begin this week. Karen D. McDonald FSA CED in Monroe County stated that pastures and hay fields were not growing any grasses at all. Henry Dorrough REA ACES in Talladega County stated dry and hot conditions have erased most of the benefits from last week's rainfall. Some hayfields were cut for the first time this year with yields as low as 10% of normal. Jim Todd CEC ACES in Mobile County commented that pastures and hayfields were greening up with little growth to this point. Local cattlemen were concerned about the availability of adequate winter feed sources.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, June 27, 2011, to Sunday, July 3, 2011
(7 days)

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

U.S. Drought Monitor, June 28, 2011

National Weather Service
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

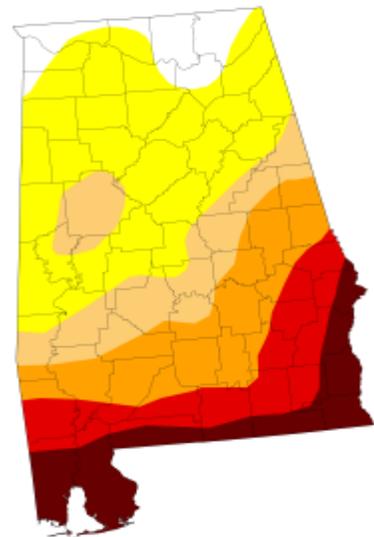
Name	City	State	Total Precipitation Value (in.)	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	0.00	79.2
Atmore	Atmore	AL	0.21	83.5
Bay Minette	Bay Minette	AL	0.55	84.7
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	0.04	80.9
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	1.55	83.2
Clayton	Clayton	AL	0.23	81.9
Coden	Coden	AL	0.30	82.9
Dauphin Island	Dauphin Island	AL	0.33	85.2
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	0.34	81.9
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	0.10	80.8
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	0.55	81.9
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	1.75	81.6
Greenville	Greenville	AL	0.92	79.9
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	0.76	78.0
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	1.36	78.4
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	0.80	84.8
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	0.58	82.5
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	2.93	78.5
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	0.19	78.6
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	2.45	78.5
Talladega	Talladega	AL	0.00	78.1
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	0.25	83.0
Valley Head	Valley Head	AL	0.36	75.3
Wetumpka	Wetumpka	AL	0.56	81.4

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.39	93.61	57.16	41.92	24.95	11.70
Last Week (06/21/2011 map)	3.96	96.04	54.68	41.92	24.95	11.70
3 Months Ago (03/29/2011 map)	42.07	57.93	41.10	23.51	1.51	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 (06/22/2010 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



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