



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Conditions Improve Slightly

Data tables reflect the week ending: **July 10, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	86	71	93	90
Cotton Squaring	39	30	71	68
Cotton Setting Bolls	13	4	32	22
Peanuts Planted	93	86	100	100
Peanuts Pegged	17	14	30	27
Soybeans Emerged	93	82	91	92
Soybeans Blooming	18	3	32	33

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	14	19	30	35	2
Cotton	14	21	34	29	2
Peanuts	12	22	45	20	1
Soybeans	4	13	31	48	4
Livestock	4	8	37	47	4
Pasture & Range	13	21	37	27	2

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.3	8	15	76	1
District 20	5.3	0	21	77	2
District 30	5.8	11	56	33	0
District 40	5.5	24	49	27	0
District 50	6.4	49	36	15	0
District 60	6.1	44	30	23	3
State: Current Week	5.7	22	30	46	2
State: Previous	5.6	27	29	41	3

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Producers report ongoing clean up of debris from April's tornadoes in Limestone County, said Shane Seay, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED). Seay also reported that the recent rainfall in Limestone County improved crop conditions. T. H. Gregg, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said many farmers in Etowah County received more than two inches

of rainfall last week. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said most of Jackson County received some rainfall last week, but the amounts varied greatly. Mann said isolated areas received more than 1 inch, while other areas received only a few tenths. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, echoed the same sentiment that it rained in some areas of Chambers and Lee Counties, but totally missed other areas. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said some producers received adequate amounts of rain, while others in Bibb, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa Counties still need rain. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph Counties, despite receiving a few scattered showers, still need rainfall. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said the service center received .9 inches of rain this past week, while other areas received more than 1.5 inches of rain. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said West Alabama continues its current drought status with occasional scattered rainfall and thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said some areas in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received more than 3 inches of rain, while others received no rain at all. Alex Brand, FSA Program Technician (PT), said even with the recent rain in Marengo, Choctaw and Wilcox Counties, most areas still are extremely dry. James D. Jones Jr., ACES County Extension Coordinator, said Henry County needs a good 3-4 inches of soaking rain to get the crops back on track.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Josh Ford, FSA PT, said scattered showers improved the corn, cotton, and soybean crops around Lauderdale County. The corn crop looks good in Jackson County, and one more good rain will make the early corn, said Mann. The heat forecast for this coming week may hurt corn pollination and reduce the yield, Mann also noted. Late planted corn appears to be doing better than early planted corn because of the timely rain that occurred over West Alabama, Jackson said. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, said the corn in Escambia County that was going to tassel has; however, most of the corn burnt up due to high temps and lack of rain. Cotton is growing fast and producers are using growth regulators to slow it down, said Mann. Soybean and cotton crops are suffering due to the extremely dry conditions in Marengo, Choctaw, and Wilcox Counties, said Brand.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Pastures received adequate rainfall in Lauderdale County, said Ford. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, said scattered rains throughout Bullock and Pike Counties helped crop and pasture conditions. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said fall armyworms are appearing in locations that received rain over the last few weeks. Scouting for fall armyworms will be critical through the rest of the hay growing season to salvage as much forage as possible. Jackson said pastures are looking better because of the scattered rainfall over West Alabama, but cattle producers still have to supplement their feeding regiment. Cattle producers have been feeding hay due to poor pasture conditions, said Brand. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said pastures, hay fields, and livestock are beginning to look better in Crenshaw County.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
 Values for Monday, July 4, 2011, to Sunday, July 10, 2011
 (7 days)

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

Name	City	State	Total Precipitation Value (in.)	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	0.56	82.5
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	0.30	82.1
Atmore	Atmore	AL	0.14	83.4
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	4.08	83.3
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	4.08	83.3
Coden	Coden	AL	0.20	82.9
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	1.04	82.5
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	0.14	83.3
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	0.57	82.3
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	1.32	79.5
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	0.17	80.6
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	0.51	81.9
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	0.04	84.9
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	0.05	84.6
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	1.77	82.1
Pinson	Pinson	AL	2.09	80.6
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	0.85	79.3
Selma	Selma	AL	0.15	83.8
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	0.08	80.5

U.S. Drought Monitor, July 5, 2011

National Weather Service

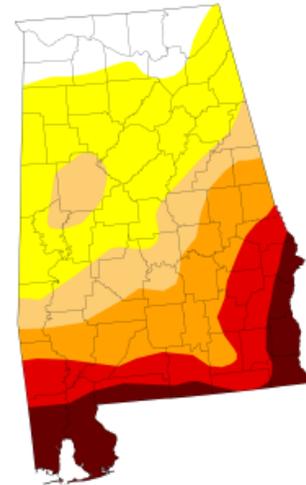
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.16	89.84	57.16	41.92	23.88	10.45
Last Week (06/28/2011 map)	6.39	93.61	57.16	41.92	24.95	11.70
3 Months Ago (04/05/2011 map)	52.72	47.28	41.79	16.07	0.00	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 (06/29/2010 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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