



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Improves Crops & Pastures

Data tables reflect the week ending: July 17, 2011

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	95	86	99	96
Corn Dough	29	N/A	58	60
Cotton Squaring	50	39	80	79
Cotton Setting Bolls	26	13	48	38
Peanuts Planted	95	93	100	100
Peanuts Pegged	27	17	42	36
Soybeans Emerged	98	93	95	96
Soybeans Blooming	30	18	47	48

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	13	15	32	36	4
Cotton	13	20	33	31	3
Peanuts	10	22	40	25	3
Soybeans	2	10	27	57	4
Livestock	4	8	32	54	2
Pasture & Range	10	16	37	33	4

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.7	8	17	74	1
District 20	4.5	0	6	88	6
District 30	4.4	10	35	51	4
District 40	5.1	16	41	43	0
District 50	5.7	41	38	21	0
District 60	5.3	26	29	37	8
State: Current Week	5.2	16	25	55	4
State: Previous	5.7	22	30	46	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Glen McGee, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), said recent rains have grass and crops looking very good for this time of year in DeKalb County. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said most of Jackson County received adequate rainfall last week. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said scattered showers improved some areas of Clay and Randolph Counties,

but the counties are behind on rainfall for this time of year. Jack Tatum, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said that some places still need a good rain, while other areas are in good shape. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said rainfall was fairly widespread across the four-county region, with the service center receiving more than three inches of rain this past week. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said in spite of the scattered afternoon rain showers, West Alabama remains in a drought stage. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said the west half of District 40 received scattered showers, but some areas did not get enough rain to do any good. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said recent scattered showers helped ease drought conditions in Clarke and Washington Counties, but some areas are still struggling. Carolyn Bradley, FSA Program Technician, said producers in Conecuh County received beneficial rain, but more is required for the county to get out of the severe dry spell. Anthony Wiggins, ACES REA, said rain showers were more prevalent in many areas and offered some temporary relief from the drought conditions. Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, said even though Monroe County received scattered rain this past week, it still is in desperate need of rainfall. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED said rain measured from 1-4 inches in Pike County this past week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said some areas of Henry County received much needed rainfall, but not enough to pull the county out of a drought and farmers still face challenges for a successful crop. Scattered rains throughout Pike County have helped tremendously with crop conditions, said Knotts. The rainfall will make a good corn crop and help cotton & soybean conditions in Jackson County, said Mann. Jackson said many row crops and pastures look greener, but rainfall amounts did not recharge aquifers or increase ground water level to overcome drought conditions.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said beneficial rain fell on the southern end of the region last week where pastures and hayfields were in critical need, while lighter rainfall amounts were recorded in the northern portions of the region. Dorough said, there have been no new reports of fall armyworms in the region, although discoveries have been made in north Alabama. Moore said most pasture conditions improved greatly with the rainfall. Glover said some producers have already started feeding hay due to the drought. Kevan Tucker, ACES County Extension Coordinator (CEC), said rainfall over the last week greatly improved pasture, hay, and crop growth in Clarke County, with rainfall totals ranging from ½ inch to more than four inches. Tucker also said many fields are showing improvement, but still lack significant growth. Crops and livestock this past week received a break from the drought, said McDonald. Justin Senn, FSA CED, said pastures look better with the rains received in Covington County. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, said pastures and hayfield are in much better shape thanks to more than 10 inches of rainfall received in some areas across Geneva County.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
 Values for Sunday, July 10, 2011, to Saturday, July 16, 2011
 (7 days)

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

U.S. Drought Monitor, July 12, 2011

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

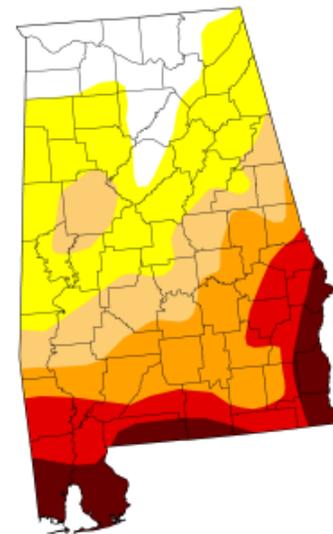
Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	82.1	2.39
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	85.0	0.55
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	83.6	1.22
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	81.5	1.34
Coden	Coden	AL	83.2	2.75
Dauphine Island #2	Dauphin Island	AL	83.8	0.65
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	83.2	3.82
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	85.2	0.78
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	83.4	.012
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	83.0	3.10
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	83.8	3.93
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	83.8	3.49
Mouton 2	Mouton	AL	81.7	0.11
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	84.5	0.17
Opelika	Opelika	AL	79.9	2.17
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	80.4	1.76
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	83.7	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	81.5	2.40
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	83.0	5.02

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.70	86.30	56.59	39.92	22.22	9.18
Last Week (07/05/2011 map)	10.16	89.84	57.16	41.92	23.88	10.45
3 Months Ago (04/12/2011 map)	52.06	47.94	40.81	17.74	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (04/12/2010 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 (07/06/2010 map)	55.59	44.41	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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