



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Harvest in Full Swing

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 2, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	89	83	93	82
Cotton Bolls Opening	78	69	87	82
Cotton Harvested	9	4	31	17
Peanuts Dug	22	17	35	23
Peanuts Combined	14	9	21	14
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	66	50	74	73
Soybeans Harvested	11	6	21	21
Winter Wheat Planted	5	2	9	2
Winter Wheat Emerged	0	0	0	0

N/A – Not Applicable

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	10	15	31	40	4
Cotton	7	19	36	37	1
Peanuts	7	19	37	33	4
Soybeans	5	13	34	45	3
Winter Wheat	0	0	5	95	0
Livestock	2	9	32	52	5
Pasture & Range	11	24	34	29	2

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.5	0	16	84	0
District 20	4.8	0	18	71	11
District 30	6.0	5	53	42	0
District 40	5.1	12	35	53	0
District 50	5.5	4	26	70	0
District 60	5.5	37	27	34	2
State: Current Week	5.5	11	25	61	3
State: Previous	5.0	12	25	58	5

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Josh Ford, Lauderdale County FSA PT, said Alabama experienced dry conditions with below normal temperatures this past week. Belinda Woods, FSA PT, said Marshall County received up to one inch of rain this past week. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED for Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties, said 0.10 inches of rain was received at the service center the past week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said rain was received this past week in the western half of District 40. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, and Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, said Covington County received an adequate amount of rainfall this past week. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said 0.20 – 3 inches of rain was received, which helped conditions in Crenshaw County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Ford said corn yields in Lauderdale County have been reported at 100 – 140 bushels per acre. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said corn harvest is well under way in Marion and Winston Counties; however, moisture levels are still relatively high and drying has to be done before the grain can be stored. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said corn yields are running between 90 – 200 bushels per acre, depending on the location in Jackson County. Woods said the rain in Jackson County hindered corn and early soybean harvest this past week. Cotton bolls have opened in Lauderdale County, said Ford. Cotton and soybean harvest should begin next week in Marion and Winston Counties said Malone. Smith said cotton harvest is in full swing across Elmore and Montgomery County with a few peanuts being dug and combined. Mann said early soybean yields are averaging between 30 – 40 bushels per acre in Jackson County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Ford said pastures and cattle are in good condition in Lauderdale County. Malone said fescue pastures have improved with the cooler weather, and producers are busy harvesting their last cutting of hay before the frost in Marion and Winston Counties. T.H. Gregg, ACES REA, said because of the rain, pastures in Etowah County are improving. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, said winter forages planted in recent weeks are progressing well because of the rainfall received in Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Dorrough said conditions are beginning to turn dry again, but it is assisting producers in harvesting the last cutting of hay. Glover said producers in the western half of District 40 will be able to harvest one more cutting of hay.

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	67.3	0.12
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	64.1	0.04
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	72.9	1.87
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	70.7	0.10
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	67.2	0.00

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
Last Week (09/20/2011 map)	45.08	54.92	44.35	30.60	17.37	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/28/2011 map)	6.39	93.61	57.16	41.92	24.95	11.70
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 (09/21/2010 map)	0.15	99.85	66.09	30.43	4.40	0.00

Intensity:

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

