



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Dry Conditions Good For Harvest, Hinder Pastures & Fall Planting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 9, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | 2010 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Corn Harvested | 96 | 89 | 97 | 87 |
| Cotton Bolls Opening | 84 | 78 | 92 | 87 |
| Cotton Harvested | 18 | 9 | 43 | 27 |
| Peanuts Dug | 28 | 22 | 45 | 34 |
| Peanuts Combined | 22 | 14 | 32 | 22 |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 72 | 66 | 84 | 81 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 16 | 11 | 38 | 32 |
| Winter Wheat Planted | 16 | 5 | 16 | 3 |
| Winter Wheat Emerged | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

| Crop | Very Poor | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| | Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
| Percent | | | | | |
| Corn | 11 | 14 | 36 | 37 | 2 |
| Cotton | 6 | 18 | 32 | 42 | 2 |
| Peanuts | 4 | 17 | 35 | 40 | 4 |
| Soybeans | 4 | 11 | 30 | 51 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 0 | 9 | 91 | 0 |
| Livestock | 1 | 8 | 31 | 55 | 5 |
| Pasture & Range | 11 | 23 | 34 | 30 | 2 |

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

| | Days Suitable | Very Short | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------|---------|---|
| | | Short | Adequate | Surplus | |
| Percent | | | | | |
| District 10 | 7.0 | 9 | 22 | 69 | 0 |
| District 20 | 6.7 | 1 | 32 | 67 | 0 |
| District 30 | 6.6 | 5 | 48 | 47 | 0 |
| District 40 | 7.0 | 14 | 41 | 45 | 0 |
| District 50 | 6.2 | 5 | 24 | 71 | 0 |
| District 60 | 5.7 | 42 | 33 | 23 | 2 |
| State: Current Week | 6.5 | 15 | 31 | 53 | 1 |
| State: Previous | 5.5 | 11 | 25 | 61 | 3 |

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph Counties continue to be behind on their rainfall. Gay said the U.S. Drought Monitor shows Clay County split three ways from D1, D2, and the larger portion of the county in a D3 drought stage. Gay said Randolph County only has a small corner of the county in a D2 drought stage, while the majority of the county is in a D3 drought stage.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Donald Mann, FSA CED, said cotton harvest started last week in Jackson County with yields running around 750 pounds per acre. Mann said corn harvest is about complete in Jackson County with yields ranging from 75 bushels to the acre to well over 200 bushels per acre. Mann said early soybeans yields are ranging from 25 to 40 bushels per acre, while later maturing soybeans are yielding as low as 10 bushels per acre. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said cotton yields are exceeding expectations, with most of the plots averaging 2 ½ bales per acre. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said dry days and cool nights have helped cotton and peanut harvest in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Rudy Yates, ACES REA, said cotton and soybean harvest is taking place, while peanuts are being dug in Choctaw, Greene, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said peanut producers are reporting peanuts being graded as Seg 3's in Crenshaw County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, said the dry weather in Madison County has really hurt pastures. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said it is getting dry again in Marion and Winston Counties, which is good for the fall harvest, but not good for pasture growth and winter wheat planting. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said scattered showers and milder temperatures have helped improve pastures in Clay and Randolph Counties. Gay said they continue to receive reports of producers reseeding and drilling in grass in an attempt to improve pastures. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said the dry weather continues to hamper pastures and forages in Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Dorough said producers have been busy storing all the hay they can find for the winter livestock feeding period. Smith said pasture conditions continue to be below average in Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties. James Rhodes, FSA CED, said many cattle water holes are drying up in Hale County.

| Name | City | State | Average Mean Temperature Value (°F) | Total Precipitation Value (in.) |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alexander City | Alexander City | AL | 63.6 | 0.35 |
| Anniston Metro Ap | Anniston | AL | 65.1 | 0.00 |
| Belle Mina 2N | Belle Mina | AL | 61.9 | 0.00 |
| Bessemer 3 Wsw | Bessemer | AL | 65.1 | 0.00 |
| Birmingham Area | Birmingham | AL | 67.1 | 0.00 |
| Brewton 3 Sse | Brewton | AL | 65.8 | 0.00 |
| Clayton | Clayton | AL | 66.7 | 0.05 |
| Sand Mt Substn | Crossville | AL | 62.2 | 0.00 |
| Dauphin Island | Dauphin Island | AL | 71.4 | 0.00 |
| Fairhope 2 Ne | Fairhope | AL | 68.4 | 0.00 |
| Gadsden | Gadsden | AL | 65.1 | 0.00 |
| Geneva #2 | Geneva | AL | 65.4 | 0.00 |
| Guntersville | Guntersville | AL | 64.1 | 0.00 |
| Hamilton 3 S | Hamilton | AL | 61.8 | 0.00 |
| Huntsville Area | Huntsville | AL | 65.5 | 0.00 |
| Lafayette 2w | Lafayette | AL | 61.1 | 0.33 |
| Mobile Area | Mobile | AL | 70.0 | 0.00 |
| Montgomery Area | Montgomery | AL | 68.3 | 0.02 |
| Muscle Shoals Ap | Muscle Shoals | AL | 65.1 | 0.00 |
| Opelika | Opelika | AL | 61.8 | 0.38 |
| Robertsdale | Robertsdale | AL | 67.6 | 0.00 |
| Scottsboro | Scottsboro | AL | 62.3 | 0.00 |
| Sylacauga 4 Ne | Sylacauga | AL | 63.2 | 0.07 |
| Valley Head | Valley head | AL | 61.1 | 0.00 |
| Winfield 2 Sw | Winfield | AL | 61.6 | 0.00 |

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Current | 54.67 | 45.33 | 38.78 | 28.78 | 14.38 | 0.00 |
| Last Week (09/27/2011 map) | 52.55 | 47.45 | 39.68 | 29.11 | 14.38 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago (07/05/2011 map) | 10.16 | 89.84 | 57.16 | 41.92 | 23.88 | 10.45 |
| Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map) | 17.47 | 82.53 | 55.26 | 29.34 | 1.82 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map) | 52.55 | 47.45 | 39.68 | 29.11 | 14.38 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago (09/28/2010 map) | 3.64 | 96.36 | 66.34 | 25.17 | 4.40 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

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

