



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Needed For Fall Grazing

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 6, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	94	100	98
Cotton Harvested	61	51	82	71
Peanuts Dug	81	76	85	78
Peanuts Combined	71	65	77	67
Soybeans Harvested	65	52	83	72
Winter Wheat Planted	43	36	43	17
Winter Wheat Emerged	26	17	26	6

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	7	17	29	41	6
Peanuts	7	17	30	41	5
Soybeans	5	13	30	48	4
Winter Wheat	0	3	18	79	0
Livestock	2	7	36	52	3
Pasture & Range	12	26	34	27	1

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.2	8	22	70	0
District 20	5.2	3	49	45	3
District 30	6.6	12	59	29	0
District 40	6.0	22	55	22	1
District 50	6.5	15	42	43	0
District 60	6.5	45	33	21	1
State: Current Week	5.9	19	39	41	1
State: Previous Week	6.2	18	39	43	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED for Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, said no rain was recorded at the service center for the week. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said some areas in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received 0.20 – 0.50 inches of rain. Glover said the rain received was not enough to do any good, but is needed for winter grazing.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans/Wheat: Tim Malone, FSA CED, said winter wheat planting started in Marion and Winston Counties. Malone said the soybean harvest is almost complete, and cotton producers should finish picking if the weather permits. Smith said cotton and soybean harvest is progressing rapidly in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, said early planted cotton appears to be producing good yields in most areas of Monroe County. McDonald said late planted cotton is still very questionable whether it will have time to mature before a heavy frost. McDonald said harvested peanuts seem to be yielding well so far.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said rain was received last week in Marion and Winston counties, but more is needed to help pasture conditions. Malone said ponds that livestock drink from are at a very low level and causing concern. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said warm season pastures have gone dormant due to several heavy frosts over the past week in Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Dorough said less than one inch of rainfall received was beneficial for cool season grasses, but was not enough to halt farming operations. Smith said light frost was seen in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, and pasture conditions are well below average with most producers already feeding hay. James Rhodes, FSA CED, said many cattlemen are reporting low water levels and dry ponds and creeks. Rhodes said hay is currently being fed to herds as no grazing is available. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, said the ground is very dry in Montgomery County and the planting of winter grazing is being delayed due to the lack of rainfall. McDonald said pastures continue to suffer with Monroe County receiving 0.20 of an inch of rain the entire month of October.

Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, October 31, 2011, to
Sunday, November 6, 2011
(7 days)

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

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	54.8	0.21
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	52.7	0.20
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	58.1	0.05
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	56.2	0.52
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	50.4	0.50

U.S. Drought Monitor, October 25, 2011

National Weather Service

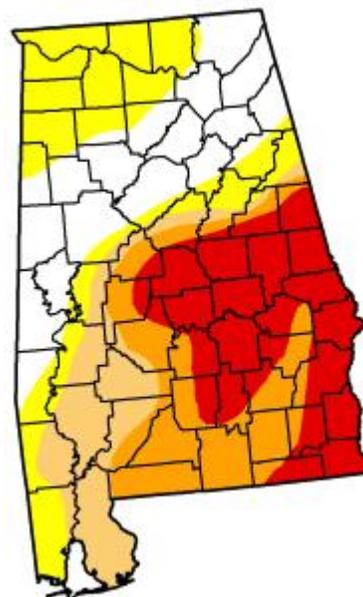
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.95	76.05	54.36	40.46	23.91	0.00
Last Week (10/25/2011 map)	26.19	73.81	42.96	35.60	23.91	0.00
3 Months Ago (08/02/2011 map)	23.41	76.59	57.81	37.72	5.78	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 (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (10/26/2010 map)	0.00	100.00	93.06	44.57	12.01	0.00

Intensity:

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



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