



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crop Harvest in Final Stages

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 13, 2011**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	72	61	87	79
Peanuts Dug	83	81	89	85
Peanuts Combined	75	71	81	75
Soybeans Harvested	79	65	90	81
Winter Wheat Planted	52	43	59	28
Winter Wheat Emerged	27	26	33	11

### CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	7	16	30	41	6
Peanuts	7	17	33	38	5
Soybeans	5	14	29	48	4
Winter Wheat	0	4	27	69	0
Livestock	2	8	37	49	4
Pasture & Range	13	31	34	21	1

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.1	15	26	59	0
District 20	5.8	15	42	43	0
District 30	6.4	14	62	24	0
District 40	5.8	23	57	18	2
District 50	6.5	17	66	17	0
District 60	6.4	51	36	12	1
State: Current Week	6.1	24	43	32	1
State: Previous Week	5.9	19	39	41	1

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Randolph and Clay Counties remain in a D3 drought stage. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said the harvest of field crops are in the final

stages in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith said the service center received 0.60 inches of rain, but 0.10 – 0.30 inches were more common. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said the lack of rainfall is the most critical factor right now for Macon and Russell Counties. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, and James D. Jones Jr, ACES CEC, said Covington and Henry Counties are in need of rainfall.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans/Wheat:** Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, said the dry fall in Madison County has made conditions ideal for harvest; however, the drought conditions have all but eliminated winter wheat sprouting. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said cotton harvest was completed this past week in Marion and Winston Counties. Malone said both counties received a small amount of rain this past week, but producers were only kept out of the field one day. Malone said soybean harvest is 98 percent complete and the rest of the soybeans should be harvested this coming week. Warren Griffith, ACES CEC, said no rain has been received in Fayette County for the planting of winter wheat. Smith said cotton yields have been reported in the 700-900 pound range for dry land cotton, and as much as 1,700 pounds for irrigated cotton in Elmore County. Smith said soybean yields have been reported anywhere from 15 bushels to the acre, to as much as 50 bushels to the acre. Jones Jr, said peanut harvest is almost complete in Henry County, and cotton harvest is progressing well.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Malone said the rain received in Marion and Winston Counties was not enough to help pastures and did not increase the water level in ponds and streams. T.H. Gregg, ACES REA, said producers are feeding hay to livestock in most areas. Gay said reports have been received of cattle producers selling off livestock due to the lack of water. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said the continued drought across Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties is hindering growth of late planted cool season forages. Smith said pastures remain in poor condition over Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said Covington County received dust settling rains last week, but not enough to optimize pasture grazing growth. Jones Jr, said rain is desperately needed for livestock grazing in Henry County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, November 7, 2011, to  
Sunday, November 13, 2011  
(7 days)**

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

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alabama State Farm	Alabama State Farm	AL	51.8	0.03
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	52.5	0.26
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	54.6	0.18
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	54.2	0.17
Belle Mina 2 N	Belle Mina	AL	51.8	0.03
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	55.4	0.05
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	56.6	0.11
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	52.3	0.16
Clayton	Clayton	AL	56.0	0.28
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	52.4	0.08
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	55.9	0.19
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	53.9	0.00
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	54.9	0.25
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	54.0	0.17
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	50.6	0.03
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	54.5	0.07
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	59.3	0.19
Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	58.4	0.52
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	55.2	0.04
Pinson	Pinson	AL	54.1	0.15
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	52.1	0.20
Selma	Selma	AL	55.7	0.35

**U.S. Drought Monitor, November 8, 2011**

National Weather Service

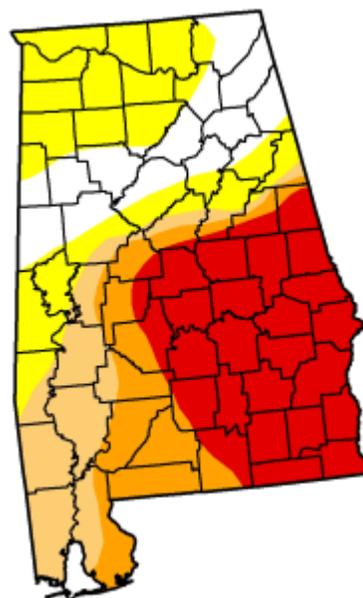
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.75	84.25	59.67	45.52	31.54	0.00
Last Week (11/01/2011 map)	23.95	76.05	54.36	40.46	23.91	0.00
3 Months Ago (08/09/2011 map)	33.04	66.96	56.78	37.72	4.50	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 (11/02/2010 map)	0.00	100.00	77.66	35.74	12.42	0.00

Intensity:

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



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