



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 20, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	80	72	90	84
Peanuts Dug	90	83	94	90
Peanuts Combined	84	75	89	82
Soybeans Harvested	87	79	94	87
Winter Wheat Planted	60	52	64	35
Winter Wheat Emerged	37	27	41	18

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	6	15	29	44	6
Peanuts	7	17	31	40	5
Soybeans	5	14	29	48	4
Winter Wheat	1	3	31	65	0
Livestock	3	7	37	49	4
Pasture & Range	14	31	32	20	3

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.1	4	19	77	0
District 20	4.7	16	31	53	0
District 30	5.9	13	59	28	0
District 40	5.3	16	49	31	4
District 50	5.9	14	65	20	1
District 60	5.9	41	37	21	1
State: Current Week	5.4	18	39	42	1
State: Previous Week	6.1	24	43	32	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Doyle Dutton, FSA CED, said Lawrence County received 0.75 – 1.0 inches of rainfall. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said rain was received this past week in Marion and

Winston Counties. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said an extreme drought continues to be experienced throughout Clay and Randolph Counties. Gay said reports continue to be received regarding creeks drying up and no water for livestock. Henry Dorough, ACES REA said the welcome rain was not evenly distributed with some farms reporting an excess of 2.0 inches, while others received less than 0.5 inches. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said thunderstorms and rain passed through Elmore and Montgomery Counties leaving isolated damage and up to 2.0 inches of rain in some areas. Smith said the service center received 0.70 inches of rain. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said her region received 1.0 – 2.0 inches of rain which helped, but more rain is needed to make an impact. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said 1.0 – 2.0 inches of rain fell in Macon and Russell Counties. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said 0.20 – 1.50 inches of rainfall was reported for Crenshaw County. Chavers said rain received this past week is needed for winter grazing crops and fall seeded crops. Larry Forrester, FSA CED, said conditions in Dale County continue to be dry with only scattered 0.25 inches of rain last week. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said drought conditions continue to prevail in Henry County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans/Wheat: Malone said the row crop harvest is complete in Marion and Winston Counties. Malone said winter wheat is beginning to come up as the rain and warmer weather has helped it off to a good start. Smith said harvest is almost complete with a few cotton fields being scrapped in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith said winter wheat planted before the rain should emerge this next week. Beasley said peanut yields are extremely low in Henry County, cotton however, is surprisingly better than expect. Beasley said wheat, rye, and oats are seeing a planting delay due to the dry conditions.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said the cattle producers in Marion and Winston Counties are still hoping for additional pasture growth with the warmer temperatures throughout the state this past week. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, commented that recent rains this past week should help farmers and livestock with winter forage production. Dorough said with summer forages dormant and cool season forages sporadic in available grazing, some producers are feeding hay and other supplements. Smith said pastures in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties will go into the cool months in poor condition from the lack of moisture.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, November 14, 2011, to
Sunday, November 20, 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	55.8	1.01
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	55.6	1.68
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	58.9	0.67
Atmore	Atmore	AL	62.5	1.10
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	58.7	0.87
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	59.6	1.20
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	57.5	1.80
Clayton	Clayton	AL	60.0	0.60
Coden	Coden	AL	63.3	0.60
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	62.2	0.31
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	60.8	0.43
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	59.1	0.76
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	61.1	0.65
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	54.7	1.79
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	57.6	1.03
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	64.8	0.83
Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	62.5	1.37
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	57.8	1.81
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	55.1	1.44
Selma	Selma	AL	59.6	1.02
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	60.2	1.13

U.S. Drought Monitor, November 15, 2011

National Weather Service

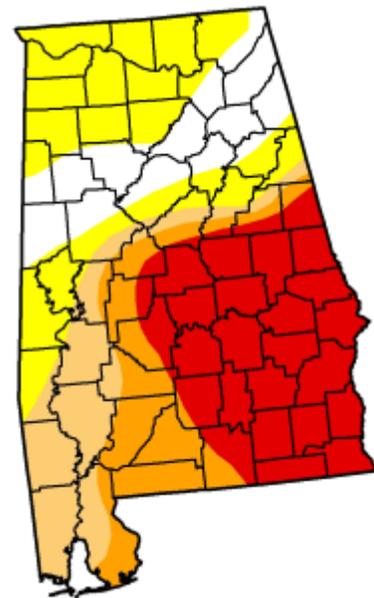
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.93	85.07	59.72	45.20	31.45	0.00
Last Week (11/08/2011 map)	15.75	84.25	59.67	45.52	31.54	0.00
3 Months Ago (08/16/2011 map)	36.10	63.90	53.28	35.04	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 (11/09/2010 map)	0.00	100.00	72.48	40.20	15.14	0.00

Intensity:

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



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