



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Light Frost Delays Crop Progress

Data tables reflect the week ending: April 15, 2012

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	75	61	58	60
Corn Emerged	51	33	34	31
Cotton Planted	6	4	1	2
Soybeans Planted	4	3	0	1
Winter Wheat Headed	79	59	29	10
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	16	69	14
Cotton	0	0	0	51	49
Soybeans	0	0	0	53	47
Winter Wheat	0	3	21	63	13
Livestock	1	2	19	61	17
Pasture & Range	1	6	23	57	13

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.7	2	20	78	0
District 20	6.7	0	63	37	0
District 30	6.7	0	33	56	11
District 40	6.8	0	24	75	1
District 50	6.8	1	42	57	0
District 60	6.1	17	42	41	0
State: Current Week	6.7	4	37	58	1
State: Previous Week	5.4	3	11	83	3

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Light frost was received during the week but no crop damage reported. Dry conditions began moving into parts of Alabama; however, scattered showers were received this past week. The planting of corn and soybeans was slightly ahead of schedule because of favorably weather to keep soil temperature above normal. Pastures continue to look good due to warm temperatures, and the recent rain seems to have enhanced vigorous growth.

Scattered frost affected the limestone county on the evening of 4/11/12 according to Shane Seay. The amount of damage if any is not determined at this time. Thomas D. Atkinson reported that Madison missed the heavy frost Wednesday night. Scattered frost only was received and do not believe it was heavy enough to damage the wheat. Donald E. Mann reported scattered frost hit Jackson County the last two nights. The damage to the corn crop will be unknown for several days. Dryer weather according to Josh Ford has moved in the Lauderdale County despite scattered rain. It is getting dry in the county and some farmers are having trouble getting their no-till planters in the ground according to Donald Mann.

Corn/Cotton/Soybeans: A few acres of cotton were planted this week; however, field work has progressed with dry weather conditions. Corn producers are reporting that it is getting dryer according to Carol Gay of Clay County. The corn that's planted has emerged, but the hope is cooler mornings will not damage new growth. Shane Seay said young corn crops would be the only concern because of breeze blowing all through the night. Marie Headly reported fields are being prepared for corn and soybeans; however, several fields remain too wet.

Small Grains: The wheat crop is still looking good according to Marie Headly of Perry County. Temperatures have been cooler but no frost.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Several farmers have completed their first cutting of hay according to Alfred K. Jackson. Pastures are looking great throughout the Black belt. Brenda Glover reported pastures are beginning to need some rain in hale county.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, April 9, 2012, to
Sunday, April 15, 2012
(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	56.3	0.00
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	60.5	0.00
Atmore	Atmore	AL	64.8	0.03
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	62.3	0.00
Belle Mina 2 N	Belle Mina	AL	56.3	0.00
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	63.0	0.18
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	65.3	0.00
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	58.9	0.02
Clayton	Clayton	AL	62.9	0.00
Coden	Coden	AL	65.4	0.03
Dauphin Island #2	Dauphin Island	AL	70.4	0.07
Demopolis L&d	Demopolis	AL	60.4	0.00
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	64.3	0.00
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	63.9	0.00
Fairhope 2 Ne	Fairhope	AL	66.2	0.07
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	62.00	0.02
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	61.9	0.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	59.4	0.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	59.6	0.00
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	57.1	0.00
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	60.7	0.00
Marion Junction 2 Ne	Marion	AL	61.9	0.08
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	69.2	0.02
Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	64.7	0.00
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	60.4	0.00
Robertsdale	Robertsdale	AL	65.6	0.17
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	58.8	0.00
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	56.6	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	59.4	0.02
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	65.1	0.05
Thorsby Exp Stn	Thorsby	AL	63.2	0.00
Valley Head	Valley Head	AL	55.3	0.01
Vernon	Vernon	AL	61.0	1.04

U.S. Drought Monitor, April 10, 2012

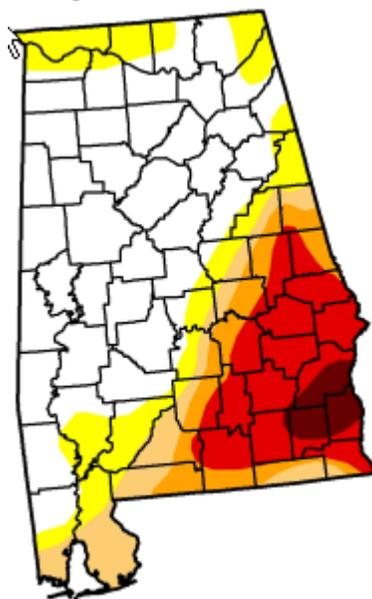
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<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.26	47.74	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.76
Last Week (04/03/2012 map)	57.87	42.13	32.96	24.67	16.85	3.98
3 Months Ago (01/10/2012 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	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 (04/05/2011 map)	52.72	47.28	41.79	16.07	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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



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