



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Planting Resumes after Rainfall

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 13, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	99	97	92	95
Corn Emerged	95	90	73	84
Cotton Planted	68	50	44	53
Peanuts Planted	60	38	24	26
Soybeans Planted	32	27	12	29
Soybeans Emerged	19	12	5	11
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	67	55	45	27
Winter Wheat Headed	96	96	93	63
Winter Wheat Harvested	8	2	0	0

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	2	6	22	64	6
Cotton	0	5	33	60	2
Peanuts	0	0	10	90	0
Soybeans	0	4	25	71	0
Winter Wheat	3	5	24	63	5
Livestock	0	3	27	59	11
Pasture & Range	2	7	34	45	12

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	5.0	5	26	65	4
District 20	5.1	10	19	70	1
District 30	4.0	0	2	83	15
District 40	5.8	0	29	71	0
District 50	5.2	1	13	21	65
District 60	5.6	10	32	54	4
State: Current Week	5.2	5	22	60	13
State: Previous Week	5.7	13	44	33	10

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Tim Malone, FSA CED, said Marion and Winston Counties received 2.50" – 3.50" of rain. Susan Minor, FSA CED,

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

said Morgan County received 1.55" of rain. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said light rain fell in Jackson County helping crop conditions. Greg Key, FSA CED, said less that 0.50" – 2.00" of rain fell in Etowah and St. Clair Counties. Key said that planters that were parked, are now planting again thanks to the rain. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, said Dallas and Lowndes County received 0.20" – 2.00" of rain. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said beneficial rain covered most of Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith reported 4.30 inches of rain at the service center, with downpours flooding and washing out fields. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said not all the producers in Conecuh County are receiving adequate rain amounts to plant their crops. Donna L. Senn, FSA CED, said Barbour County received up to 6.00" of rain. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, said Crenshaw County received 0.25" – 2.00" of rain. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said Henry County received rain, but not enough to halt field work. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, said 2.50" – 3.00" of rain fell in Bullock and Pike Counties.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Thomas D. Atkinson, FSA CED, said Madison County has only experienced hit and miss rain showers causing planted corn to struggle. Atkinson said early planted soybeans and cotton seem to be in fair condition. Malone reported the initial soybean crop has been planted, with cotton planting complete and most of the crop emerged in Marion and Winston Counties. Minor said corn continues to emerge and soybean planting has started in Morgan County. Smith said cotton planting is nearing completion, and winter wheat harvest beginning in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said cotton and soybean planting continues in Bibb and Perry Counties.

**Small Grains:** Atkinson said the verdict is still out on winter wheat harvest in Madison County, but the prediction is the grain will be lacking in weight. Malone said winter wheat harvest should start by the end of the month in Marion and Winston Counties. Jim Todd, ACES CEC, said heavy rains delayed wheat harvest and peanut planting in Mobile County. Todd said wheat did not fill out as expected, lowering the anticipated yields by about 30%. Todd also said weather delays hurt wheat quality. James D. Jones Jr, ACES CEC, said small grain harvest has begun, while peanut and cotton planting is underway in Henry County.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Malone said the rain kept producers from harvesting hay in Marion and Winston Counties. Minor said pastures are in good condition and hay harvest is progressing in Morgan County. Mann said hay yields remain low in Jackson County. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said rain received throughout his district will prove beneficial for pastures and hayfields. Headley said pastures are dry and causing concern in livestock producers because they have not recovered from last year's drought in Bibb and Perry County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center**  
**Values for Monday, May 7, 2012, to Sunday,**  
**May 13, 2012**  
**(7 days)**

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

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	67.9	1.56
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	68.4	2.72
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	69.2	3.81
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	66.4	1.95
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	68.9	0.75
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	72.9	0.05
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	71.2	2.85
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	67.9	1.92
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	67.8	2.36

**U.S. Drought Monitor, May 8, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

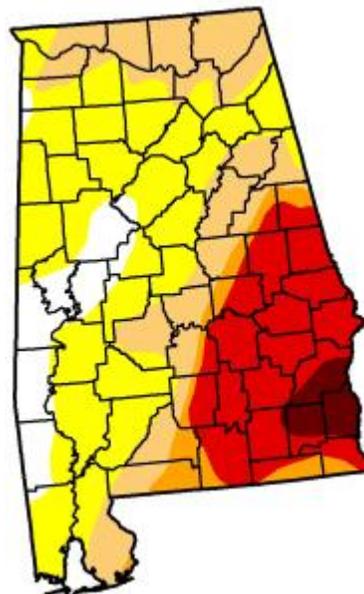
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.38	90.62	50.03	27.70	22.69	2.99
Last Week (05/01/2012 map)	8.31	91.69	59.70	31.67	24.68	2.99
3 Months Ago (02/07/2012 map)	52.82	47.18	34.99	21.98	7.97	1.83
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 (05/03/2011 map)	52.58	47.42	38.01	17.11	1.39	0.00

Intensity:

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



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