



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Farmers Hoping for Rain Amid Drought

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 3, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	27	12	3	11
Corn Dough	6	6	0	0
Cotton Planted	99	95	82	89
Cotton Squaring	4	1	1	2
Peanuts Planted	95	83	65	76
Peanuts Pegged	2	N/A	0	0
Soybeans Planted	65	53	47	63
Soybeans Emerged	51	40	33	49
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	95	86	78	62
Winter Wheat Harvested	50	29	26	14

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	3	7	23	57	10
Cotton	0	0	31	66	3
Peanuts	0	0	22	78	0
Soybeans	0	0	28	72	0
Winter Wheat	0	1	21	70	8
Livestock	0	3	28	58	11
Pasture & Range	3	8	36	48	5

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.0	12	24	64	0
District 20	6.2	12	39	49	0
District 30	6.0	2	44	50	0
District 40	6.0	2	34	64	0
District 50	6.6	23	42	35	0
District 60	7.0	37	43	20	0
State: Current Week	6.3	15	36	49	0
State: Previous Week	6.0	11	30	59	0

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Donald Mann, FSA CED, said farmers and livestock producers in Jackson County received a great boost from recent rains. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated rainfall was widely

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

variable throughout Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburn, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties during the latter half of the past week. Don Moore, Director of Alabama Experiment Station, reported much needed rainfall on Thursday night in Autauga County. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative County Agent, said most producers appreciated the recent rains in Greene County, while others were delayed from planting late season crops. Brenda Glover, REA ACES, reported Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties are in need of additional rainfall. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said conditions are dry in Bibb and Perry Counties and rain is needed. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said scattered showers are assisting Clarke and Washington Counties, but many areas have not received sufficient rain within the past month. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, confirmed most crops in Covington County are in good condition, but additional rain is essential. Dorothy Chavers, FSA CED, stated Crenshaw County critically needs more rain to prevent drought. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, said most farmers in Henry County did not receive any rain within the past week.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Atkinson stated corn has begun tasseling, and cooler temperatures are needed to prevent farther browning. Cotton and soybeans are showing signs of stress because of the lack of rain, said Malone. Corn is in good condition said Gay. Headley stated the planting of soybeans continues. Jim Todd, ACES CEC, confirmed farmers resumed the planting of cotton by dusting in remaining acreage. Todd said the replanting of peanuts and cotton continues. If rain is not received soon in Crenshaw County, said Chavers, many producers will not plant intended cotton and soybean for 2012. Peanut and cotton planting are nearly complete according to Jones Jr.

**Small Grains:** Atkinson reported variable wheat yields from 60-80 bushels/acre with test weights ranging from 58-60 lbs. Headley reported wheat yields ranging from 10-50 bushels/acre.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Malone confirmed the first cutting of hay with good to very good yields. Fescue pasture needs more moisture, said Malone. According to Ilana Stover, there were two cases of blackleg reported in Fayette County. Dorough said hay harvest in some areas was less than 25% compared to last week. Carol Gay, FSA CED, stated pastures in Randolph and Clay Counties are still green but are beginning to show signs of drought. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated recent moisture will benefit the second cutting of hay in Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Glover reported dry weather is causing pastures to have limited grass for cattle. Hendry reported pasture and hay crops continue to suffer from heat and drought conditions in most areas of Clarke and Washington Counties.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, May 28, 2012, to  
Sunday, June 3, 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	73.9	0.54
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	74.9	0.15
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	76.1	0.27
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	74.2	0.07
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	75.3	0.54
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	79.4	0.43
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	77.9	1.19
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	74.4	1.47

**U.S. Drought Monitor, May 29, 2012  
National Weather Service**

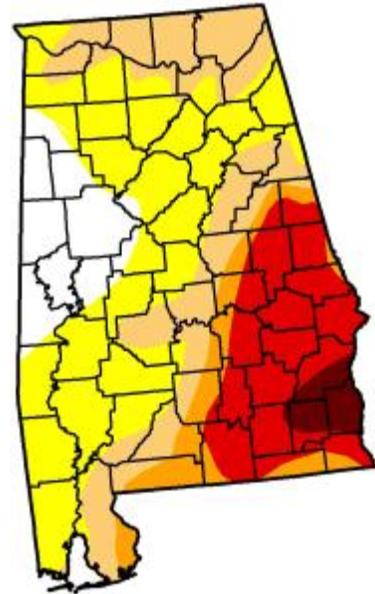
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.03	87.97	50.00	27.98	20.67	2.85
Last Week (05/22/2012 map)	15.46	84.54	48.25	27.03	20.67	2.85
3 Months Ago (02/28/2012 map)	55.14	44.86	31.62	20.18	12.16	3.30
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 (05/24/2011 map)	33.25	66.75	42.79	33.55	12.87	0.00

**Intensity:**

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



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