



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Improves Crops and Pastures

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 17, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	61	46	33	41
Corn Dough	23	14	7	4
Cotton Squaring	57	24	13	15
Cotton Setting Bolls	1	N/A	0	0
Peanuts Pegged	30	6	8	3
Soybeans Planted	91	80	76	81
Soybeans Emerged	77	61	56	65
Soybeans Blooming	6	2	0	3
Winter Wheat Harvested	94	79	78	44

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	4	5	22	59	10
Cotton	0	5	22	66	7
Peanuts	0	0	17	83	0
Soybeans	0	7	19	73	1
Winter Wheat	0	2	23	65	10
Livestock	0	3	18	66	13
Pasture & Range	3	7	29	54	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	5.3	8	21	71	0
District 20	5.4	1	34	65	0
District 30	5.2	0	20	80	0
District 40	5.3	0	18	82	0
District 50	6.1	3	21	67	9
District 60	4.5	8	18	71	3
State: Current Week	5.3	4	23	71	2
State: Previous Week	5.7	4	27	66	3

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, estimated that rainfall in Madison County is approximately 5 inches below normal for calendar year 2012. Shane Seay, FSA CED, confirmed rainfall being behind schedule in Limestone County indicated by above average

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

temperatures. Susan Minor, FSA CED, said some areas of Morgan County received nearly an inch of scattered rainfall this past weekend, but many farmers still badly need moisture to assist their crops. Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported rainfall amount varied from a few tenths to two inches in isolated areas of Jackson County. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed Blount Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties received rainfall ranging from three to eight inches. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said producers are satisfied with the much needed rainfall in Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated field activities in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties resumed mid to late week after a wet start with most areas receiving nearly .8 inches of rain. Brenda Glover, REA ACES, reported more rain is needed in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said the much needed rains saturated the grounds in Conecuh County. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, said although Monroe County received a significant six inches of rainfall over a three day period, no crops was affected. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, reported a good amount of rain this past week in Escambia County.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Susan Minor stated corn and soybean planted thus far are in fair to good condition. Bradley reported there were prior concerns about erosion issues on newly planted cotton but had no reports of a loss. Stanley stated some cotton will have to be replanted due to the heat of the ground, and it did not survive breaking through the soil. Jim Todd, ACES CEC, confirmed the replanting of cotton and soybeans continuing this week as farmers in Mobile County were able to get back into the fields.

Small Grains: According to Minor, wheat continues to be harvested, but wild hogs destroyed at least two large fields of wheat in Morgan County. Mann stated wheat harvest is nearing completion with yields ranging between 60 and 80 bushels per acre. Ricky Colquitt, FSA CED, confirmed Shelby County experienced high winds that demolished a high percentage of wheat.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Atkinson stated the extremely hot temperatures in April proved detrimental to the first cutting of hay in Madison County with reports indicating a 50% loss of expected production. Minor said pasture and hay conditions continue to be fair and very good, respectively. Dorough said that recent rainfall helped to stimulate pastures and hayfield throughout the region that were previously producing only 25 percent of its potential. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported pastures looking good in areas of Clay and Randolph Counties that received scattered showers. Gay also said cattle prices slightly decreased but were steady. Glover stated the second cutting of hay is underway in some areas. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed pastures and hay fields are in good condition due to recent rains in Bibb and Perry Counties. Justin Senn, FSA CED, reported pastures in Coffee County recovering nicely.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, June 11, 2012, to
Sunday, June 17, 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	76.9	0.62
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	77.3	0.32
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	78	1.37
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	76.2	1.55
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	77.7	0.28
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	77.8	2.28
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	78.6	1.28
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	77.1	0.49
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	75	0.72

**U.S. Drought Monitor, June 12, 2012
National Weather Service**

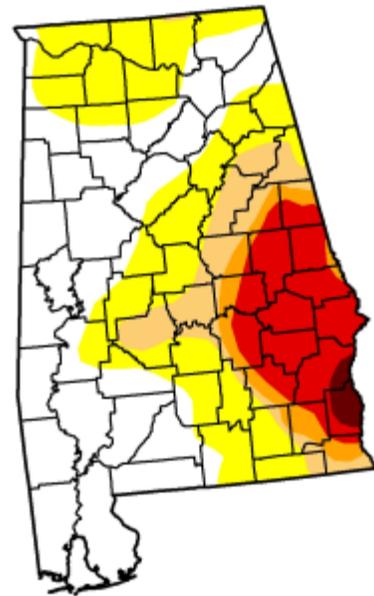
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.86	56.14	26.43	17.55	13.65	1.06
Last Week (06/05/2012 map)	13.63	86.37	42.22	29.08	20.84	2.85
3 Months Ago (03/13/2012 map)	55.14	44.86	32.74	22.05	12.03	2.67
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 (06/07/2011 map)	23.28	76.72	54.88	40.72	21.34	0.79

Intensity:

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



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