

# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crops and Pastures Received Timely Rains

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 5, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dough	99	93	87	88
Corn Dented	84	70	59	63
Corn Mature	60	42	13	22
Corn Harvested	11	6	1	3
Cotton Squaring	98	97	78	90
Cotton Setting Bolls	89	83	57	64
Cotton Bolls Opening	1	0	0	1
Peanuts Pegged	85	79	61	64
Soybeans Blooming	92	81	73	75
Soybeans Setting Pods	52	42	32	42
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	1	0	0	2

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	14	24	36	26	0
Cotton	3	13	47	37	0
Peanuts	0	6	32	57	5
Soybeans	4	11	47	35	3
Livestock	2	9	32	51	6
Pasture & Range	5	19	36	36	4

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.7	6	22	72	0
District 20	5.4	1	36	61	2
District 30	5.2	2	41	57	0
District 40	5.4	9	45	46	0
District 50	6.4	8	36	51	5
District 60	5.5	31	35	34	0
State: Current Week	5.6	9	34	56	1
State: Previous Week	6.2	9	38	50	3

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Isolated areas in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties indicated rain gauges overflowing, whereas other areas received no rainfall, said

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

Henry Dorrough, ACES REA. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported most areas in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties receiving over one inch of rain. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated Bibb and Perry County received an adequate amount of rainfall on Monday morning, and most of everyone received nearly one inch of rainfall. Jeff Knots, FSA CED, reported much of Pike County receiving good rainfall this past week.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Kerry Mitchell stated producers were beginning to file losses on corn in Clay County. Jeffrey Smith said corn harvest continues to progress, and the conditions of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts have improved thanks to recent rains. Headley confirmed soybeans and cotton were looking good. Jim Todd, ACES CEC, stated the patterns of afternoon rainfall made it difficult for farmers in Mobile County to keep up with fungicide applications, and the area has increased insect and disease pressure. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County desperately needs rainfall because it is a critical time for fruiting in the peanut and cotton crop.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Hay fields cut and baled this past week reported yields less than normal, stated Dorrough. Additionally, Dorrough said fall armyworms were increasing throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties as farmers begin scouting fields. According to Mitchell, cattle prices were down and there were reports of severe damage to grazing and hay fields. Pastures and hayfields look much better after receiving rainfall, said Jeffrey Smith. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported pastures and hayfields look much better due to some areas in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties receiving rainfall on a daily basis this past week. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, said high temperatures and sporadic rainfall in Montgomery County were stressing livestock and forages. Headley said pastures and hay fields greatly improved due to recent rains. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, said recent rains were perfect timing and another cutting of hay was scheduled in Covington County, if the weather permits. Jones, Jr. stated hay and forages were suffering from the lack of rain in Henry County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, July 30, 2012, to  
Sunday, August 5, 2012  
(7 days)**

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

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Alexander City	Alexander City	AL	81.4	1.48
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	81.8	2.48
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	82.7	1.29
Belle Mina	Belle Mina	AL	80.1	1.48
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	82.0	6.36
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	82.9	4.75
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	78.7	2.30
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	80.0	0.20
Demopolis L&d	Demopolis	AL	80.4	0.87
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	81.8	0.73
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	80.9	3.85
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	82.6	0.47
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	80.4	5.25
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	82.2	1.05
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	84.0	0.21
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	84.4	2.5
Moulton 2	Moulton	AL	80.5	1.15
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	84.6	0.45
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	83.6	1.03
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	80.8	0.60
Sylacauga	Sylacauga	AL	80.0	3.04

**U.S. Drought Monitor, July 31, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

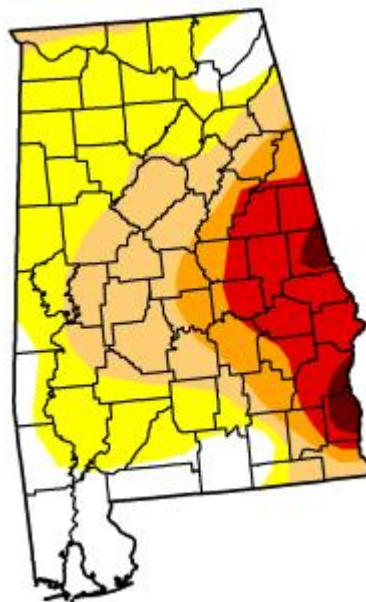
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.44	83.56	46.74	23.70	14.58	1.74
Last Week (07/24/2012 map)	11.81	88.19	56.64	28.82	14.47	1.67
3 Months Ago (05/01/2012 map)	8.31	91.69	59.70	31.67	24.68	2.99
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 (07/26/2011 map)	32.17	67.83	45.51	26.14	9.65	0.00

**Intensity:**

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



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