



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Recent Rains Improved Crop Outlook

Data tables reflect the week ending: **August 12, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Dented	92	84	76	77
Corn Mature	71	60	34	38
Corn Harvested	21	11	3	5
Cotton Setting Bolls	95	89	63	73
Cotton Bolls Opening	3	1	3	7
Peanuts Pegged	92	85	75	74
Peanuts Dug	0	N/A	0	0
Soybeans Blooming	94	92	83	84
Soybeans Setting Pods	67	52	45	55
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	3	1	0	4

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	12	26	40	22	0
Cotton	2	11	44	42	1
Peanuts	0	3	16	78	3
Soybeans	2	8	43	43	4
Livestock	2	7	30	52	9
Pasture & Range	4	13	40	35	8

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	5.7	5	10	85	0
District 20	5.2	1	20	79	0
District 30	4.5	1	18	81	0
District 40	4.9	6	28	66	0
District 50	5.9	7	25	68	0
District 60	4.4	9	30	58	3
State: Current Week	5.1	5	20	74	1
State: Previous Week	5.6	9	34	56	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Tim Malone, FSA CED, crops in Marion and Winston County have improved a lot over the last few weeks. Donald Mann, FSA CED, said most of Jackson County received some rain Thursday. Henry Dorough, ACES

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

REA, reported recent rains and cooler temperatures throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties should improve forage availability and quality in the coming days. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said recent rainfall greatly improved the condition of crops and pastures in Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, stated most areas in Lowndes and Dallas County were good for now, though there were a few places still not receiving a lot of rain. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said scattered showers provided moisture for crops and pastures throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said Conecuh County received a good amount of rain with afternoon thunderstorms. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated Henry County received some much need rain this past week.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Malone reported corn harvesting would soon start, and soybean pods were starting to fill out due to recent rains in Winston and Marion County. Additionally, Malone stated the cotton crop has taken a second growth and has the potential for good yields. Mann confirmed producers have started harvesting corn, and cotton and soybeans are looking better since recent rains. Jeffrey Smith said corn harvest was progressing, with better than anticipated yield reports on early planted bottomland corn. Also, Smith reported open bolls on cotton plants, and peanuts and soybeans were looking good after receiving recent rains. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, confirmed Covington County could use a drying out period for peanuts and hay. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, reported producers in Monroe County were preparing to start shelling corn soon, and the cotton crop has improved. McDonald also said producers highly anticipate digging peanuts within the next three weeks.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Pastures have improved and livestock producers that were feeding hay in June and July no longer have to do so, said Malone. Mann stated pastures have improved because of recent rains. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated pastures and hayfields were in great condition after receiving rainfall nearly every day this past week throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, said sporadic rains were helpful, but high temperatures were still stressing livestock in Montgomery County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, August 6, 2012, to
Sunday, August 12, 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	78.4	1.37
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	78.0	3.39
Atmore	Atmore	AL	80.2	1.01
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	79.8	1.79
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	78.4	3.26
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	78.3	1.81
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	77.7	0.69
Coden	Coden	AL	80.8	1.42
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	76.2	6.04
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	79.6	2.66
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	75.9	9.44
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	78.8	0.32
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	76.9	0.75
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	78.2	1.32
Lafayette 2w	Lafayette	AL	76.5	1.18
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	81.4	1.03
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	81.7	0.99
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	80.0	0.14
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	79.9	2.32
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	77.1	2.37
Talladega	Talladega	AL	77.6	1.03

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 7, 2012

National Weather Service

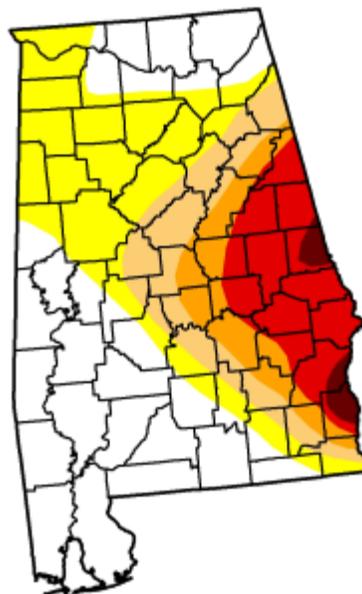
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.17	58.83	33.40	21.99	14.27	1.60
Last Week (07/31/2012 map)	16.44	83.56	46.74	23.70	14.58	1.74
3 Months Ago (05/08/2012 map)	9.38	90.62	50.03	27.70	22.69	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 (08/02/2011 map)	23.41	76.59	57.81	37.72	5.78	0.00

Intensity:

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



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