



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crops Need Sunshine

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 9, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	99	98	97	90
Corn Harvested	72	61	55	35
Cotton Bolls Opening	35	24	42	49
Cotton Harvested	0	0	4	2
Peanuts Dug	2	0	3	2
Peanuts Combined	0	0	2	0
Soybeans Setting Pods	94	93	93	92
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	22	16	19	35
Winter Wheat Planted	0	N/A	0	0

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	9	22	40	27	2
Cotton	1	3	36	54	6
Peanuts	0	1	13	79	7
Soybeans	1	4	31	49	15
Livestock	2	4	25	58	11
Pasture & Range	3	5	27	54	11

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	4.2	0	14	84	2
District 20	2.5	0	4	72	24
District 30	4.5	0	9	87	4
District 40	5.0	1	13	80	6
District 50	4.6	0	0	70	30
District 60	5.0	1	15	72	12
State: Current Week	4.2	1	10	77	12
State: Previous Week	5.2	1	25	67	7

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Henry Dorough, ACES REA, additional rainfall from the remnants of Tropical Storm Isaac combined with a cold front were very much appreciated by farmers throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Greg Key, FSA CED, stated many areas in Etowah and St. Clair

County received nearly three inches of rainfall, and producers were ready to harvest as soon as conditions permit. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, said Dallas and Lowndes County received a lot of rain this past week, and some crops were damaged. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported crops in Bibb and Perry County continue to look good, while some areas received several inches of rain. Conecuh County went from being in a state of drought to receiving an abundance of rainfall due to the recent storm, reported Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, confirmed crops in Henry County were improving due to recent rains.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported recent rains in Marion and Winston County forced corn harvesting to end. Malone also stated cotton was really starting to open, and soybeans were starting to drop leaves. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed the cotton and soybean crops were in good to excellent condition for the majority of areas in Jackson County; in addition, corn yields were variable with reports ranging from 30 to 150 bushels per acre. Don Moore, Director of the AL Experiment Station, reported soybeans in Autauga County were being treated for loopers. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated cotton continues to open throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said most peanuts in Clarke and Washington County were ready for digging, but it was too wet. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, reported cotton opening at the bottom has begun to rot due to excessive moisture in Monroe County. McDonald also said the corn crop was a bountiful harvest, and pastures were benefiting from recent rains. Donna Senn, FSA CED, said farmers in Barbour County need sunshine in order to harvest peanuts and cotton. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated Henry County need some good weather to start peanut harvest. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, confirmed Covington County need some open weather to harvest peanuts and hay.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said fescue pastures were looking good, and hay harvest should resume this week. Dorough stated armyworms were still a large problem for farmers trying to grow and harvest enough hay for the winter. Carol Gay, FSA CED, confirmed scattered showers in Clay and Randolph County helped grasses, and cattle prices were still holding steady. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received an excess amount of rainfall, and pastures were too wet to plant winter grazing. Pastures benefited from recent rains, said Headley. Justin Senn, FSA CED, confirmed producers in Coffee County received timely rains and were getting another cutting of hay. Barnes said pastures and hayfields were in unusually good condition for this time of year.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, September 3, 2012, to
Sunday, September 9, 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	76.9	1.24
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	76.1	1.13
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	78.9	1.25
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	77.2	1.35
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	77.0	2.52
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	80.6	1.73
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	75.6	8.70
Clayton	Clayton	AL	77.0	1.69
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	74.3	1.23
Demopolis L&d	Demopolis	AL	73.1	1.53
Fairhope 2 Ne	Fairhope	AL	79.6	1.49
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	78.9	2.20
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	75.8	3.35
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	77.0	0.46
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	75.9	0.26
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	80.3	0.37
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	79.1	3.04
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	77.7	0.59
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	75.6	0.39

U.S. Drought Monitor, September 4, 2012

National Weather Service

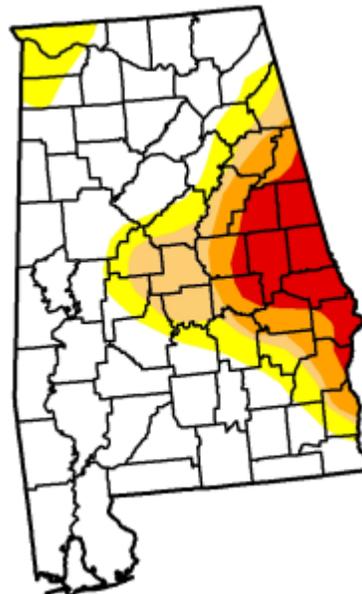
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.56	34.44	22.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
Last Week (08/28/2012 map)	55.69	44.31	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/05/2012 map)	13.63	86.37	42.22	29.08	20.84	2.85
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 (08/30/2011 map)	20.03	79.97	61.33	46.73	23.29	0.00

Intensity:

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



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