



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Well Underway

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 14, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	87	86	88
Cotton Harvested	17	6	24	30
Peanuts Dug	61	48	48	46
Peanuts Combined	34	18	36	32
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	83	69	81	84
Soybeans Harvested	17	10	25	34
Winter Wheat Planted	8	5	19	7
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Cotton	1	3	28	59	9
Peanuts	0	0	12	75	13
Soybeans	1	3	25	53	18
Livestock	1	5	25	61	8
Pasture & Range	3	7	29	56	5

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	4.7	2	6	92	0
District 20	3.9	0	1	78	21
District 30	6.4	0	14	83	3
District 40	7.0	3	22	74	1
District 50	6.9	0	7	86	7
District 60	6.9	8	33	54	5
State: Current Week	5.8	2	13	78	7
State: Previous Week	4.9	1	9	77	13

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Karen McDonald, FSA CED, weather conditions this past week were perfect for harvesting in Monroe County. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported a mostly dry week in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties ultimately gave way to a few scattered showers and thunderstorms later during the weekend. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed no rainfall this past week in Perry County, and cooler temperatures in

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

Bibb and Perry County were making for a pleasant beginning to fall. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said groundwater including creeks and ponds in Macon and Russell County were still low. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed wet conditions have become a problem for most Jackson County farmers in preventing crop harvest.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed cotton harvest was underway this past week in Marion and Winston County, and reported yields were nearly 2 bales per acre. Additionally, Malone said the harvesting of double crop beans should start this week. Cindy Owens, FSA CED, reported cotton and soybean harvest have started within the last week in Fayette and Lamar County. Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest progressed this week, stated Smith. James Jones, Jr. reported peanut and cotton harvest was well underway in Henry County. Peanut producers reported favorable yields averaging 5000 lbs per acre, stated McDonald. Also, McDonald confirmed some cotton was harvested, and yields were averaging between 750 to 1000 lbs. Headley reported soybean yields ranged from average to above average, and the cotton crop was being defoliated and harvest will begin soon.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said pastures were looking good. Malone also stated grazing was at a premium, which should get livestock ready for the winter. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated summer grass quality in some areas throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties was getting in bad shape and rainfall was needed to keep winter grazing growing. Smith confirmed some producers were preparing for winter wheat planting in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said current winter grazing needs rainfall in some areas within Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. McDonald confirmed pastures were in good condition, but could use some rain in the next couple of weeks. Headley reported livestock producers were getting their last cutting of hay, and pastures were normal for this time of the year.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, October 8, 2012, to
Sunday, October 14, 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	64.0	0.43
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	63.0	0.00
Atmore	Atmore	AL	66.5	0.00
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	61.8	0.97
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	64.4	0.00
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	65.3	0.71
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	67.9	0.00
Centreville	Centreville	AL	61.9	0.00
Clayton	Clayton	AL	67.2	0.00
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	69.0	0.00
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	63.6	0.09
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	66.9	0.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	61.2	0.34
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	61.4	2.54
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	69.6	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	68.4	0.00
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	61.1	0.54
Robertsdale	Robertsdale	AL	68.6	0.25
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	60.8	1.00
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	59.4	0.90
Selma	Selma	AL	65.9	0.30
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	61.8	0.58
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	67.2	0.32

U.S. Drought Monitor, October 9, 2012

National Weather Service

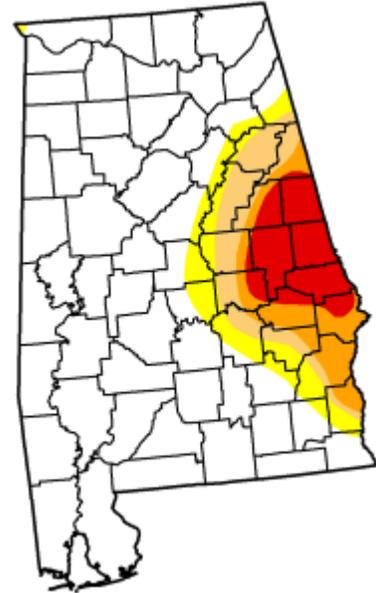
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.42	23.58	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
Last Week (10/02/2012 map)	75.58	24.42	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/10/2012 map)	8.36	91.64	58.88	31.53	15.65	1.08
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (10/04/2011 map)	54.67	45.33	38.78	28.78	14.38	0.00

Intensity:

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



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