

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Nearing Completion

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 4, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	59	43	58	65
Peanuts Dug	92	88	80	78
Peanuts Combined	82	65	69	65
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	98	96	99	98
Soybeans Harvested	59	37	61	66
Winter Wheat Planted	35	20	41	23
Winter Wheat Emerged	11	6	23	10
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	1	3	20	55	21
Peanuts	0	0	7	84	9
Soybeans	1	2	15	61	21
Livestock	2	6	27	61	4
Pasture & Range	4	11	41	42	2

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.8	2	50	48	0
District 20	6.9	6	3	91	0
District 30	6.7	3	43	54	0
District 40	7.0	9	52	38	1
District 50	7.0	31	48	21	0
District 60	7.0	13	45	40	2
State: Current Week	6.9	10	37	52	1
State: Previous Week	6.6	4	22	73	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, confirmed ideal harvest weather continued this week with only a few widely scattered showers late during the weekend throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith also stated no rainfall was received at the Service Center this week. Joe Capps, FSA CED, ground water was low in some areas within Macon

and Russell County. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, said Montgomery County needed rain. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County was dry and needed rain.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Greg Key, FSA CED, stated soybean and cotton harvest were well underway, with yield reports higher than expected within Etowah and St. Clair County. Cotton harvest was halted for three days due to high winds from Hurricane Sandy, said Key. Smith reported much progress was made in cotton harvest, while soybean and peanut harvest should be complete within the next two weeks.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: According to Henry Dorough, ACES REA, multiple killing frosts this week forced warm season grasses into dormancy throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Additionally, Dorough said cool season forages were showing signs of dry weather stress in some locations. Lance Hopper, FSA PT, reported killing frost on Halloween night in Morgan County. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed rain was needed desperately for cool season forages to be productive in many areas throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties still needed rain for winter grazing that has been planted.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, October 29, 2012, to
Sunday, November 4, 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	53.5	0.00
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	52.3	0.03
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	55.6	0.00
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	53.7	0.00
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	54.4	0.01
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	59.7	0.00
Clayton	Clayton	AL	57.4	0.00
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	49.1	0.00
Demopolis L&d	Demopolis	AL	55.6	0.07
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	57.0	0.00
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	57.0	0.00
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	56.2	0.00
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	56.0	0.62
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	56.3	0.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	54.2	0.10
Hamilton	Hamilton	AL	49.5	0.07
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	52.0	0.28
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	61.7	0.01
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	58.1	0.00
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	53.3	0.54
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	52.1	0.00
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	51.1	0.00
Selma	Selma	AL	56.8	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	51.9	0.00

U.S. Drought Monitor, October 30, 2012

National Weather Service

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

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

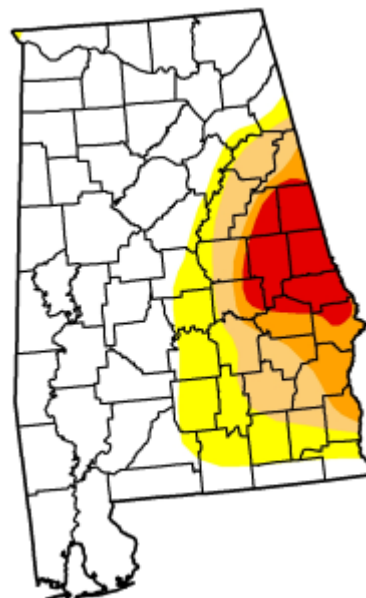
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.90	33.10	20.73	11.92	6.82	0.00
Last Week (10/23/2012 map)	73.52	26.48	18.81	11.92	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/31/2012 map)	16.44	83.56	46.74	23.70	14.58	1.74
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (10/25/2011 map)	26.19	73.81	42.96	35.60	23.91	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry
 D3 Drought - Extreme

D1 Drought - Moderate
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

D2 Drought - Severe



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