



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## More Rain Needed for Forage and Wheat

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 18, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	90	74	78	81
Peanuts Dug	97	96	88	89
Peanuts Combined	94	90	81	81
Soybeans Harvested	83	73	85	85
Winter Wheat Planted	56	51	58	44
Winter Wheat Emerged	34	22	34	23

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Percent				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Cotton	0	2	21	49	28
Peanuts	0	0	12	72	16
Soybeans	2	3	15	51	29
Livestock	1	6	27	61	5
Pasture & Range	4	12	39	42	3

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Percent			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
District 10	5.8	0	30	70	0
District 20	5.0	6	16	78	0
District 30	5.8	3	56	41	0
District 40	6.6	9	44	47	0
District 50	7.0	3	45	52	0
District 60	6.1	21	42	37	0
State: Current Week	6.1	8	36	56	0
State: Previous Week	5.9	7	30	63	0

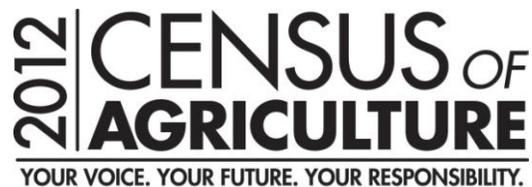
### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** According to Donald Mann, FSA CED, harvest was almost complete in Jackson County. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported perfect harvest weather throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith said no rainfall was recorded at the Service Center. Joe Capps, FSA CED, stated Macon and Russell County were dry. Marie Headley, FSA CED, confirmed no significant rainfall was received within Bibb and Perry County, and producers

were about 90 percent complete with harvesting their crops.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Karen McDonald, FSA CED, reported crop conditions were good except for some fields where bolls at the top have not opened in Monroe County. McDonald stated peanut harvest was excellent. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, reported Henry County was dry and needed some rain for small grains to emerge and grow. Mann stated another week should complete harvest for the few producers with cotton and soybeans left. Mann also said producers had a good yield on corn with some exceptions in isolated areas of the county.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed winter wheat planting was finished in Marion and Winston County, and most of it was up with a good stand. Malone also stated the fescue grazing in pastures was good with very little supplement feeding at this time. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said the light rain received early in the week was beneficial for cool season forages throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Hay feeding continued to increase as residual dormant warm season pastures were grazed, reported Dorough. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said a good slow rain was still needed for cool season forages in some areas throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith said winter wheat planting began after last week's rain. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received a little rain but was still very dry. The dry weather has been great for harvest, but Monroe County needs some rain for winter grazing to be sufficient, stated McDonald. James Jones, Jr. stated the last cutting of hay was almost complete.  
*Coming Soon:*



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, November 12, 2012, to  
Sunday, November 18, 2012  
(7 days)**

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

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	48.4	0.47
Atmore	Atmore	AL	51.9	0.30
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	49.9	0.23
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	48.2	0.50
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	49.0	0.51
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	51.6	0.25
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	46.7	0.43
Clayton	Clayton	AL	52.3	0.96
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	47.4	0.64
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	50.1	0.22
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	51.4	0.40
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	48.5	0.85
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	48.9	1.40
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	45.2	0.00
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	47.1	1.04
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	52.9	0.08
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	52.4	0.45
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	47.2	0.80
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	47.4	0.98
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	48.0	0.63
Talladega	Talladega	AL	46.9	0.46

**U.S. Drought Monitor, November 13, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

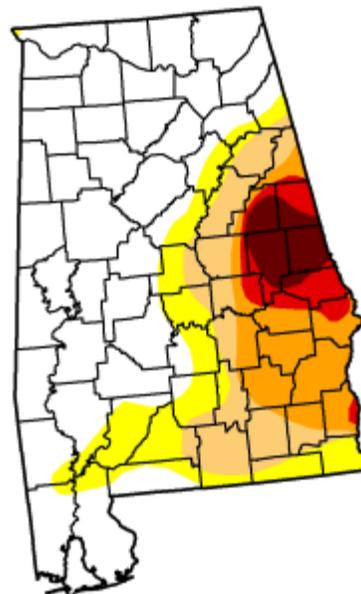
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.23	41.77	28.24	16.91	7.37	3.68
Last Week (11/06/2012 map)	56.54	43.46	28.21	17.47	7.37	3.68
3 Months Ago (08/14/2012 map)	46.49	53.51	27.23	16.25	8.66	0.00
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 (11/08/2011 map)	15.75	84.25	59.67	45.52	31.54	0.00

**Intensity:**

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



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