



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Rainfall Improves Crops and Pastures

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 20, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Emerged	100	95	85	91
Corn Silked	1	N/A	0	1
Cotton Planted	84	68	62	70
Peanuts Planted	71	60	38	43
Soybeans Planted	45	32	24	41
Soybeans Emerged	32	19	12	25
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	80	67	61	38
Winter Wheat Harvested	16	8	8	2

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Percent				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	0	1	25	66	8
Cotton	0	0	30	68	2
Peanuts	0	0	11	89	0
Soybeans	0	0	21	79	0
Winter Wheat	3	6	20	63	8
Livestock	0	3	23	63	11
Pasture & Range	2	7	29	51	11

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Percent			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
District 10	4.7	0	11	89	0
District 20	6.1	10	31	59	0
District 30	5.8	0	32	68	0
District 40	6.5	1	21	77	1
District 50	6.1	9	35	55	1
District 60	5.9	16	26	58	0
State: Current Week	5.9	6	24	70	0
State: Previous Week	5.2	5	22	60	13

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Shane Seay, FSA CED, indicated dry conditions helped by last week's rain between 2.5 and

3.5 inches allowed planting to resume. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, commented that crops in Limestone County perked up with "Heaven Sent" rain. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, hopeful that excellent rains continue in Central Alabama. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, said spotty showers were helpful but parts of Clarke County still abnormally dry. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, stated that crops in Monroe County in good shape due to several good rains at the right time. Justin Senn, FSA CED, said more rain needed in Coffee County. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, indicated good rains received during weekend for Covington County. James Jones Jr., FSA CED, stated Geneva County received good rainfall this last week.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Tim Malone, FSA CED, said corn, cotton, and soybeans for Marion and Winston Counties were off to a good start. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said dry weather allowed cotton planting with potential for double cropping following the wheat crop in Elmore, Coosa, and Tallapoosa Counties. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said corn looking good, and cotton and soybeans continue to be planted. Jones Jr. stated that cotton planting mostly complete and peanut planting continues at full speed.

**Small Grains:** Doyle Dutton, FSA CED, said Lawrence County producers were beginning to harvest wheat. Malone said wheat harvest delayed due to rain. Jones Jr. said small grain harvest underway.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Dutton said producers reported yields below normal for hay for Lawrence County. Malone stated first cuttings of hay have varied from very good to not so good compared to last year in Marion and Winston Counties. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, said dry conditions permitted 1<sup>st</sup> hay cuttings for Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. He also said pastures improved modestly with recent rains. Headley said Perry County received rains that provided moisture for dry pastures. Anthony Wiggins, ACES REA, said dry weather good for harvesting hay but rain needed for forage boost.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, May 14, 2012, to  
Sunday, May 20, 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	71.2	0.00
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	71.7	0.01
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	72.5	0.00
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	72.1	0.00
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	72.6	0.00
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	73.4	0.00
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	70.2	0.00
Demopolis L&D	Demopolis	AL	71.2	0.00
Gadsden	Gadsden	AL	73.2	0.25
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	72.9	0.00
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	72.8	0.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	71.8	0.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	71.6	0.00
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	72.6	0.73
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	74.8	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	73.7	0.00
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	72.6	0.01
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	69.9	0.03
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	70.6	0.00
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	71.3	0.01
Sylacauga 4Ne	Sylacauga	AL	70.7	0.00
Talladega	Talladega	AL	69.4	0.01

**U.S. Drought Monitor, May 15, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

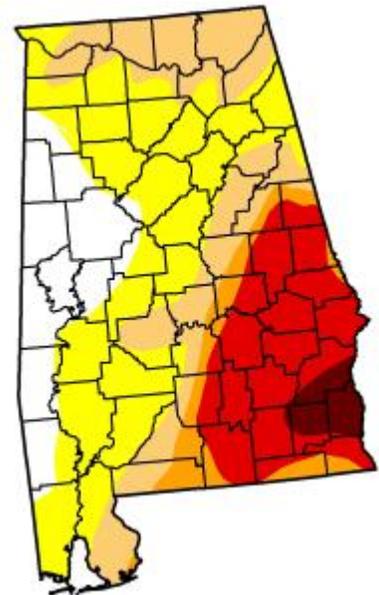
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.49	84.51	48.25	27.66	21.89	2.85
Last Week (05/08/2012 map)	9.38	90.62	50.03	27.70	22.69	2.99
3 Months Ago (02/14/2012 map)	50.07	49.93	41.14	30.94	19.46	5.74
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (05/10/2011 map)	52.58	47.42	38.00	28.61	1.39	0.00

Intensity:

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



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