



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Dry Conditions Prevail Despite Scattered Showers

Data tables reflect the week ending: July 8, 2012

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	97	91	82	86
Corn Dough	62	54	24	30
Corn Dented	27	19	0	8
Cotton Squaring	87	71	36	59
Cotton Setting Bolls	25	8	10	16
Peanuts Pegged	60	56	16	25
Soybeans Emerged	99	98	90	89
Soybeans Blooming	39	28	14	25
Winter Wheat Harvested	100	99	99	81

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	9	37	33	20	1
Cotton	7	17	61	14	1
Peanuts	0	1	46	53	0
Soybeans	6	25	51	18	0
Winter Wheat	1	4	29	55	11
Livestock	2	11	27	53	7
Pasture & Range	9	28	43	19	1

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	6.7	32	65	3	0
District 20	6.8	55	42	3	0
District 30	6.1	13	62	25	0
District 40	6.7	15	58	27	0
District 50	6.9	4	50	46	0
District 60	6.3	27	44	27	2
State: Current Week	6.6	28	54	18	0
State: Previous Week	6.8	38	49	13	0

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Shane Seay, FSA CED, confirmed scattered showers in Limestone County, but sustained temperatures over 100 degrees have ended most crops chances of finishing. Tim Malone, FSA CED, stated Marion and Winston County received much needed rain that

has helped all crops. Susan Minor, FSA CED, said rain is needed in Morgan County if farmers intend to have a good crop this year. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed rain was scarce throughout Blount Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph County received some much needed rain, but water levels continue to decrease. Cindy Owens, FSA CED, said rainfall received in Fayette and Lamar County was much needed. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, stated Autauga County received rains that averaged 0.04 inches. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, said Dallas and Lowndes County is still very dry overall, although both Counties received scattered showers. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said crop and pasture conditions continue to decline in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties as most areas did not receive any rain. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated crops are declining because of hot temperatures and extremely dry conditions in Bibb and Perry County. Wyatt Hendry, FSA CED, reported many communities in Washington and Clarke County did not receive any moisture. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said Conecuh County is still experiencing dry conditions. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, said Henry County needs rain soon to soak dry soils. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, confirmed Covington County continues to be extremely hot and dry. Booby Beasley, FSA CED, reported scattered showers, yet dry conditions in Henry County.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Seay said cotton is still holding on, although it is showing severe signs of stress. Additionally, Seay stated double crop soybeans are declining daily. Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, estimated that Madison County endured the most devastating June ever as extremely hot temperatures and drought conditions have annihilated all corn planted after April 1. Atkinson confirmed double crop soybeans planted behind wheat still have a chance of surviving if rain is received soon. Malone said recent rain was probably too late for early planted corn. Minor stated corn is drying and twisting due to the lack of rain.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** According to Seay, hay feedings have increased due to nearly non-existent pasture grazing in Limestone County. Malone said recent rain and cooler temperatures predicted for next week will help pastures and the second cutting of hay. Pastures are drying and hay production is declining, confirmed Susan Minor. Dorough stated though hay operations have been aided by dryer conditions, most farms have baled all available forage until rain resumes. In addition, Dorough said some producers have reported supplementing livestock nutrition with hay or purchased feed. Carol Gay confirmed producers hay production is 50 percent less than last year's, and there have been reports of loss on grass in some areas. Smith said cattle producers are already feeding winter hay stocks, and late planted cotton/ soybeans behind what is really struggling. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, confirmed hot and dry weather having an impact on livestock and pasture conditions in Montgomery County. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated pastures are in fair to good condition in Covington County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, July 2, 2012, to  
Sunday, July 8, 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	83.0	1.50
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	82.3	1.39
Atmore	Atmore	AL	81.9	0.46
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	83.4	0.53
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	84.9	0.51
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	83.1	0.40
Centreville	Centreville	AL	81.1	0.09
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	81.9	1.57
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	83.9	0.04
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	81.9	0.40
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	84.1	0.88
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	82.4	2.90
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	86.2	2.71
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	86.7	0.60
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	82.2	0.85
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	84.2	0.01
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	86.9	0.51
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	82.9	1.20
Selma	Selma	AL	84.1	2.10
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	81.1	0.04

**U.S. Drought Monitor, July 3, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

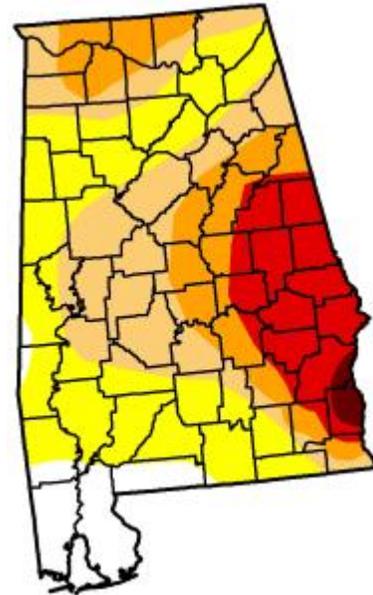
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.52	91.48	58.00	31.53	15.64	1.08
Last Week (06/26/2012 map)	11.31	88.69	46.73	20.59	13.78	1.08
3 Months Ago (04/03/2012 map)	57.87	42.13	32.96	24.67	16.85	3.98
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 (06/28/2011 map)	6.39	93.61	57.16	41.92	24.95	11.70

**Intensity:**

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



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