



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crops Damaged In Isolated Areas

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 2, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	98	95	88	83
Corn Harvested	61	53	38	24
Cotton Bolls Opening	24	16	27	37
Cotton Harvested	0	0	0	0
Peanuts Dug	0	0	0	0
Peanuts Combined	0	0	1	0
Soybeans Setting Pods	93	88	83	86
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	16	12	9	27

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	10	22	43	24	1
Cotton	1	4	31	60	4
Peanuts	0	1	12	85	2
Soybeans	1	4	24	57	14
Livestock	2	4	25	57	12
Pasture & Range	4	5	34	48	9

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	6.1	0	47	51	2
District 20	5.9	3	37	60	0
District 30	4.8	0	11	85	4
District 40	5.3	0	18	80	2
District 50	3.9	0	1	65	34
District 60	4.6	1	21	75	3
State: Current Week	5.2	1	25	67	7
State: Previous Week	6.2	3	30	65	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Brenda Glover, ACES REA, most areas within Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties could use some rainfall after heavy winds from Tropical Storm Isaac dried out previous moisture content. Jim Todd, ACES CEC, confirmed significant damage to crops in Mobile caused by the storm. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said

Chambers and Lee County received very little rainfall from the storm. Belinda Woods reported Marshall County did not receive any rainfall from the recent storm. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC, stated Montgomery received very little rain as a result of the storm. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, stated crops in Monroe County continue to look good, and crops were fortunate after weathering the tropical storm. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, reported farmers in Mobile were in the fields assessing damage caused by the storm.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, confirmed cotton and soybeans in Marion and Winston County were in good condition, and corn harvest started last week with reported yields between 85 to 120 bushels per acre. Donald Mann, FSA CED, stated the cotton and soybean crops in Jackson County improved after recent rains. Also, Mann said corn yields from areas of Jackson County that received timely rainfall averaged nearly 150 bushels per acre. Don Moore, Director of the AL Experiment Station, reported soybeans in Autauga County could have used additional moisture from the recent storm. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said cotton, soybeans, and peanuts were in good condition after most areas throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties received rainfall during the week. Jeffrey Smith stated some cotton was over 60 percent open, and defoliation was expected to begin soon. Todd reported the cotton crop was windblown and tangled, the peanut ground was saturated, and pecan trees survived with minor limb breakage. According to Ryan, the cotton crop was affected by strong winds, and the pecan crop was badly damaged with early estimates showing great loss to many orchards. Ryan also said farmers anticipate digging peanuts soon, although the peanuts may be affected by excess moisture.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Pastures were looking really good as fall approaches, and armyworms were still damaging Bermuda grass hay, said Malone. Pastures were rebounding nicely thanks to recent rains, said Jeffrey Smith. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed slow and light rainfall from the storm helped improve soil moisture and forage quality; also, spraying for armyworms increased this past week as farmers attempted to gain an additional cutting of hay throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Glover confirmed the last cutting of hay could use some rain.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Tuesday, August 28, 2012, to
Monday, September 3, 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	79.1	2.15
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	79.4	1.83
Atmore	Atmore	AL	80.1	0.85
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	80.4	1.93
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	79.4	2.02
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	79.5	3.15
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	81.8	2.27
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	77.3	3.64
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	77.9	1.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	78.9	2.98
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	78.2	3.85
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	78.5	2.02
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	79.4	0.91
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	80.9	9.85
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	82.7	2.18
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	81.5	1.63
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	77.2	0.93
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	77.5	2.00
Selma	Selma	AL	80.9	5.48
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	78.8	1.86

U.S. Drought Monitor, August 28, 2012

National Weather Service

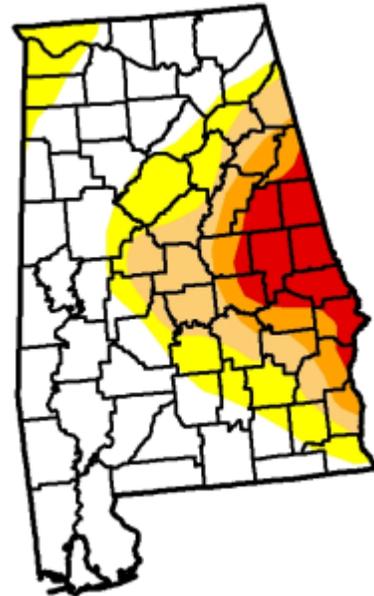
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.69	44.31	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00
Last Week (08/21/2012 map)	56.05	43.95	27.23	15.36	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/29/2012 map)	12.03	87.97	50.00	27.98	20.67	2.85
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 (08/23/2011 map)	30.55	69.45	55.97	36.52	4.50	0.00

Intensity:

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



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