



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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WARM WEATHER HELP CROPS

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 16, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	79	72	75	47
Cotton Bolls Opening	55	35	60	67
Cotton Harvested	0	0	1	3
Peanuts Dug	6	2	9	6
Peanuts Combined	2	0	6	2
Soybeans Setting Pods	97	94	100	96
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	27	22	38	45
Winter Wheat Planted	0	0	0	0

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	10	21	39	28	2
Cotton	1	3	33	56	7
Peanuts	0	1	11	81	7
Soybeans	1	4	29	50	16
Livestock	1	2	23	64	10
Pasture & Range	1	5	26	60	8

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	7.0	5	29	66	0
District 20	6.2	1	4	95	0
District 30	6.5	0	27	73	0
District 40	7.0	2	13	82	3
District 50	6.5	0	1	77	22
District 60	6.6	2	13	74	11
State: Current Week	6.6	2	16	78	4
State: Previous Week	4.2	1	10	77	12

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Harvesting of corn hastened as weather permitted and peanut digging has begun. The week's average **temperatures** ranged from 76.6 F in Enterprise, to 68.7 F in Rock Mills; total precipitation ranged from 0.04 inches in Anniston and Guntersville to 0.8 inches in Brewton. According to Henry Dorough, ACES REA, warmer and drier

weather allowed producers to wrap up some haying operations and begin preparations for planting cool season forages throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported the need to receive scattered showers. Jeffery Smith, FAS CED for Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa counties reported mostly dry weather continued for the week with some areas seeing a shower or two. Mr. Smith reported receiving 0.10 inches of rain at the service center.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed last week was a good week for corn harvest. A few fields of group 4 soybeans have been harvested with yields running between 40 to 60 bushels per acre. With the rain we're receiving today, our soybean yield in the county should average well over 40 bushels per acre. Mr. Mann reported having many acres of soybeans that will probably yield 60 or more bushels per acre. The cotton crop looks very good. The plants are reported to be so heavy with bolls that they are falling over. Don Moore, Director of the AL Experiment Station, reported soybeans in Autauga County were being treated for loopers. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated cotton defoliation began this week and some cotton fields were as much as 80 to 90 percent open throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, reported producers have started digging peanuts this past week and they are in excellent condition. Some producers are actually combining this week. Cotton on the other hand is questionable. Some bolls are rotting at the bottom on early planted cotton due to excessive rain. Soybeans planted in the county are in excellent condition as of right now. McDonald also said pastures were looking good and hay production has been good this year. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, stated Henry County peanut harvest has begun and cotton defoliation is underway.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Mr. Donald E. Mann reported most of the last cutting of hay has been harvested with yields running slightly above average. Dorough stated armyworms were still present, the number of reported cases was lower than previous weeks. He also stated warmer and drier weather allowed producers to wrap up some haying. Carol Gay, FSA CED, confirmed scattered showers in Clay and Randolph County helped grasses, and cattle prices were still holding steady. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties could use some rain for winter grazing that is being planted. Pastures benefited from recent rains, said Headley. Alex Brand, FSA CED, reported another hay cutting was done and starting to need rain.

U.S. Drought Monitor, September 11, 2012

National Weather Service

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

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, September 10, 2012, to
Sunday, September 16, 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	72.7	0
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	72.5	0.04
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	72.9	0
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	72.2	0
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	73.5	.45
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	74.7	0.8
Clayton	Clayton	AL	73.1	0
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	69.9	0
Demopolis L&D	Demopolis	AL	70.9	0
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	71.9	0
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	72.3	0
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	70.0	0.07
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	72.3	0
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	76.5	0.12
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	76.0	0.05
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	72.1	0.15
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	70.2	0.08

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.56	31.44	19.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
Last Week (09/04/2012 map)	65.56	34.44	22.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/12/2012 map)	43.86	56.14	26.43	17.55	13.65	1.06
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 (09/06/2011 map)	46.26	53.74	42.31	30.60	17.37	0.00

Intensity:

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

