



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Scattered Showers Slow Harvesting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 23, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	87	79	81	71
Cotton Bolls Opening	69	55	66	69
Cotton Harvested	0	0	3	7
Peanuts Dug	15	6	15	14
Peanuts Combined	2	2	8	7
Soybeans Setting Pods	100	97	100	98
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	41	27	47	56
Soybeans Harvested	2	N/A	5	9
Winter Wheat Planted	0	0	1	1

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Percent					
Corn	9	21	39	28	3
Cotton	1	2	34	57	6
Peanuts	0	0	14	79	7
Soybeans	1	3	26	53	17
Livestock	0	2	24	63	11
Pasture & Range	0	4	25	62	9

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very			
		Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent					
District 10	4.2	0	5	95	0
District 20	3.5	1	3	83	13
District 30	5.5	0	30	67	3
District 40	5.6	1	13	84	2
District 50	6.4	0	2	98	0
District 60	5.8	2	16	72	10
State: Current Week	5.0	1	10	84	5
State: Previous Week	6.6	2	16	78	4

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** According to Tim Malone, FSA CED, harvest in Marion and Winston County was hindered the first part of the week due to 5 to 6 inches of rainfall. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said producers in Clay and Randolph County were grateful for recent scattered showers. Jeffrey Smith, FSA

ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

CED, confirmed most areas throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties received rainfall this past week, while the Service Center received nearly half an inch of rainfall. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties continued to receive rainfall this past week. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said the ground water was still low in Macon and Russell County. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, reported unseasonable (wet) conditions for this time of the year in Covington County. James Jones, Jr. said Henry County received some rainfall this past week. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported crops in Bibb and Perry County looked great after receiving scattered showers.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Malone stated some early soybeans were harvested with yields reported at 60 bushels per acre. Corn harvest was nearing completion, and cotton harvest should start by the end of the week, said Malone. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed soybean yields were in good to excellent condition for the few acres harvested in Jackson County. Reports of yields from producers were running from 40 to 60 bushels per acre, stated Mann. Jeffrey Smith reported peanuts have been dug, and several cotton fields will see pickers running this week. Jones, Jr. confirmed farmers were beginning to dig peanuts in Henry County, and foliage feeders were still causing problems in peanuts, forages, and etc.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Malone reported pastures were looking great, and yields were above average on last cuttings of hay. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, reported warm season forages were beginning to wear thin as fall temperatures become cooler throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. The lack of rainfall allowed several farmers to cut the last hay for the season, while others planted winter forages, said Dorough. Barnes confirmed wet conditions have been great for livestock and hay producers in Covington County. Carol Gay confirmed cattle prices were still holding steady, and pastures continued to improve. Glover stated winter grazing that has already been planted should have enough moisture to come up without any problems.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, September 17, 2012, to  
Sunday, September 23, 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	68.7	0.88
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	69.1	0.98
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	68.4	2.24
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	68.9	2.35
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	73.6	1.50
Clayton	Clayton	AL	72.1	2.44
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	65.7	1.77
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	73.6	2.21
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	71.1	1.31
Fairhope 2 Ne	Fairhope	AL	73.8	0.87
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	69.4	0.70
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	74.9	1.80
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	68.6	2.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	65.6	3.70
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	66.6	3.86
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	74.7	1.25
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	72.9	0.61
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	66.5	3.16

**U.S. Drought Monitor, September 18, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

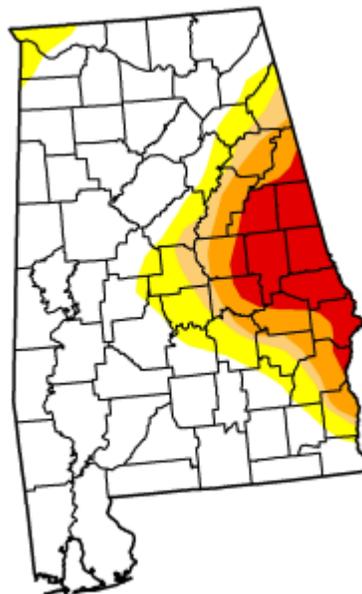
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.57	29.43	19.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
Last Week (09/11/2012 map)	68.56	31.44	19.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/19/2012 map)	42.59	57.41	26.43	17.55	12.58	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 (09/13/2011 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



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