



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Delays Harvesting

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 7, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	97	94	94	85
Cotton Bolls Opening	87	79	82	84
Cotton Harvested	6	2	15	19
Peanuts Dug	48	35	26	31
Peanuts Combined	18	9	20	21
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	69	52	70	75
Soybeans Harvested	10	6	15	24
Winter Wheat Planted	5	1	13	5

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	9	21	41	26	3
Cotton	1	4	24	62	9
Peanuts	0	1	8	82	9
Soybeans	1	2	22	58	17
Livestock	1	5	23	62	9
Pasture & Range	3	5	27	59	6

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	5.0	3	14	83	0
District 20	3.5	0	0	62	38
District 30	4.6	0	5	90	5
District 40	5.9	0	7	92	1
District 50	4.8	0	2	74	24
District 60	6.2	2	22	71	5
State: Current Week	4.9	1	9	77	13
State: Previous Week	6.6	1	17	77	5

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald Mann, FSA CED, reported wet conditions throughout much of the week prevented farmers in Jackson County from harvesting crops. Gregory Key, FSA CED, stated three to five inches of rain were recorded at various reporting stations in

Etowah and St. Clair County. Key also said all field work was delayed until fields dried out in St. Clair and Etowah County. According to Michelle Brewer, FSA PT, Morgan County was fairly dry this week after receiving hardly any rainfall. Brewer also reported crops in Morgan County were in fair to good condition. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, reported no rain was received this past week at the Elmore County Service Center. However, Jeffrey Smith reported that field work in some areas throughout Coosa and Tallapoosa County were delayed until mid-week due to recent rain.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: While soybeans continued to drop leaves, many producers in Morgan County were starting to harvest the crop, said Brewer. Also, Michelle Brewer confirmed corn harvest was complete, and the cotton crop was in good condition in Morgan County. Donald Mann said reports of corn yields were variable, and soybeans yields were good. Gregory Key confirmed there was some concerns that the amount of rain received this past week may negatively impact cotton and soybean quality. Jeffrey Smith stated cotton and peanut harvest would continue after fields dried throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed rainfall amounts ranging from two to four inches throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties delayed some hay operations. The recent rainfall was beneficial to cool season forages, said Dorough. Fewer reports of armyworm infestations were reported likely due to cooler temperatures, stated Henry Dorough. Michelle Brewer stated pastures were in good condition. All livestock appeared to be in good condition at this time, stated Gregory Key. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed there was lots of winter grazing being planted throughout Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties due to the moisture received earlier this week.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Tuesday, October 2, 2012, to
Monday, October 8, 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	62.3	0.04
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	65.4	0.16
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	62.4	0.17
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	62.4	0.10
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	70.4	0.00
Centreville	Centreville	AL	62.3	0.00
Clayton	Clayton	AL	67.6	0.00
Coden	Coden	AL	69.9	0.00
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	59.8	0.16
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	69.6	0.00
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	63.9	0.00
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	69.0	0.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	61.9	0.16
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	60.9	0.39
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	70.0	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	67.6	0.01
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	61.5	0.57
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	62.1	0.07
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	60.4	0.21
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	61.4	0.43
Selma	Selma	AL	66.3	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	63.5	0.03
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	66.8	0.00

U.S. Drought Monitor, October 2, 2012

National Weather Service

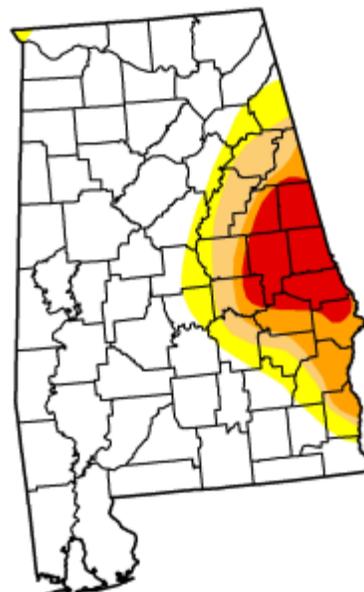
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.58	24.42	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
Last Week (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/03/2012 map)	8.52	91.48	58.00	31.53	15.64	1.08
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00

Intensity:

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



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