



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Favorable Weather Hastened Harvest

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 28, 2012**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	98	96	93	95
Cotton Harvested	43	29	48	55
Peanuts Dug	88	78	73	68
Peanuts Combined	65	55	62	54
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	96	91	95	94
Soybeans Harvested	37	27	48	56
Winter Wheat Planted	20	11	34	15
Winter Wheat Emerged	6	2	16	5

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Percent				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Cotton	1	4	19	55	21
Peanuts	0	0	10	80	10
Soybeans	1	2	20	55	22
Livestock	1	5	26	62	6
Pasture & Range	3	8	33	51	5

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Percent			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
District 10	6.5	3	18	79	0
District 20	6.2	0	1	97	2
District 30	6.7	0	32	68	0
District 40	7.0	3	42	54	1
District 50	6.4	15	12	73	0
District 60	7.0	15	45	40	0
State: Current Week	6.6	4	22	73	1
State: Previous Week	5.6	1	14	81	4

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** According to Donald Mann, FSA CED, weather this week should allow farmers to harvest many acres in Jackson County. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, stated rain was needed for fescue and cool season forages in some areas throughout Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and

Tallapoosa Counties. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, said nice and dry weather helped harvest activities in Autauga County. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, confirmed dry and warm weather prevailed for much of the week, while windy conditions moved in over the weekend throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Additionally, Smith stated no rainfall was recorded at the Service Center. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said weather conditions were cooperating with harvest in Bibb and Perry County.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Tim Malone, FSA CED, said soybean harvest in Marion and Winston County will be completed by the end of the week if weather conditions permit. Mann reported cotton yields were great, and preliminary yields ranged from 2 to 3 bales per acre. Soybeans still ranged between 40 and 60 bushels per acre, stated Mann. Headley confirmed cotton and soybean were being harvested, and both crops were turning out good yields. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, said cotton harvest was well underway, and peanut harvest was nearing completion in Henry County. Jones, Jr. also reported rainfall was needed for small grain crops, and some soybeans and grain sorghum were harvested.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Malone confirmed pastures were still in good shape, and wheat planting will continue this week. Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, reported warm and dry weather facilitated planting of winter forage crops in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Dorrough also said moisture levels were short, and newly planted winter pastures were in need of rainfall. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported pastures within Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties were very dry and desperately needed rain. Headley stated pasture conditions were normal for this time of year.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, October 22, 2012, to  
Sunday, October 28, 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	62.9	0.00
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	62.7	0.00
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	62.3	0.00
Clayton	Clayton	AL	64.5	0.00
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	67.2	0.00
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	62.1	0.00
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	64.9	0.00
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	61.4	0.00
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	60.5	0.05
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	62.2	0.00
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	66.4	0.00
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	65.7	0.00
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	61.4	0.01
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	60.4	0.00
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	59.9	0.00

**U.S. Drought Monitor, October 23, 2012**

**National Weather Service**

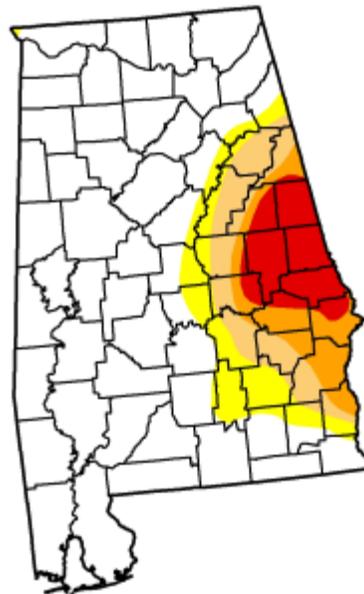
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	73.52	26.48	18.81	11.92	6.82	0.00
Last Week (10/16/2012 map)	74.36	25.64	17.17	11.69	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/24/2012 map)	11.81	88.19	56.64	28.82	14.47	1.67
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 (10/18/2011 map)	39.84	60.16	41.46	31.73	18.18	0.00

***Intensity:***

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



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