



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Rain Benefits Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 26, 2011**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	60	38	74	66
Cotton Planted	96	95	100	100
Cotton Squaring	21	16	43	37
Peanuts Planted	85	82	95	98
Peanuts Pegged	11	8	9	9
Soybeans Planted	89	79	92	91
Soybeans Emerged	74	58	79	79
Winter Wheat Harvested	95	85	81	51
Hay Harvested – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	93	92	90	93

### CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	17	24	30	29	0
Cotton	16	27	37	19	1
Peanuts	14	23	46	17	0
Soybeans	4	12	41	43	0
Winter Wheat	1	5	13	61	20
Livestock	4	10	37	46	3
Pasture & Range	18	26	35	20	1

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.4	9	32	58	1
District 20	3.6	1	33	66	0
District 30	5.7	49	27	22	2
District 40	5.7	31	50	19	0
District 50	6.2	55	33	12	0
District 60	6.3	61	30	9	0
State: Current Week	5.3	31	34	34	1
State: Previous	6.2	49	32	19	0

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Kelvin Veal, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director (CED), Doyle Dutton, FSA CED, and Tim Malone, FSA CED, said Cullman, Lawrence, Marion, and Winston Counties received rain and cooler temperatures, which

improved the outlook for crops and pastures. Glen McGee, FSA CED, said DeKalb County received three to four inches of rain, which helped crops. Don Moore, Director of the Alabama Experiment Station in Prattville, said the service station received .6 inches of rain. Cathy Blackburn, FSA CED, said Chambers and Lee Counties had pop-up showers, but are still in dire need of rain. Henry Dorough, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) Regional Extension Agent (REA), said widespread rain fell, with amounts varying widely. Alfred Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, reported scattered rain showers throughout the Western Blackbelt, which helped pastures and crops, but rain is needed, and if high temperatures continue, much more rain will be needed to obtain average yields. Jimmy Smitherman, ACES County Extension Coordinator (CEC), said rains helped Montgomery County, but more is needed as prairie soils are dry and cracked. Ken Kelley, ACES CEC, said it is dependent upon where showers fell as to the crop condition. Larry Forrester, FSA CED, said producers in Dale County say this is the worst drought they have seen this time of year. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said Henry County moisture has not changed, and crops that are not a complete loss show about an 80% stand or less.

**Small Grains:** Wheat harvest is near completion, with well above normal yields, said Shane Seay, FSA CED Limestone County.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Larry Forrester, FSA CED in Dale County, said irrigated corn is in fair to good condition but the extreme heat is reducing yields, and non-irrigated corn has a 95% loss. Josh Ford, FSA Program Technician, said producers in Lauderdale County report a lack of rain is hurting corn yields. Perry Woodruff, FSA CED, said rain came too late for most of the corn crop in Dallas and Lowndes Counties. Malone said late corn looks better in Marion County, but the rain may have been too late to help the early corn. Seay said corn benefited from the rain as it had been showing stress from the recent hot, dry weather. Forrester said he received reports of peanuts rotted in the ground and it is too late to replant. Seay and Malone said recent rain helped soybean planting reach completion in Limestone, Marion, and Winston Counties. Larry Forrester, FSA CED, said several producers are replanting cotton in hopes of receiving the rain forecast for Dale County. James Jones Jr., ACES CEC, said peanut and cotton plantings are complete in Henry County, and replanting is common to get a good stand.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Rain and cooler temperatures helped green pastures and regenerate hay fields, said Malone and Dorough. Kevan Tucker, ACES CEC, said scattered rains helped green pastures and hayfields, but growth still is slow and significant rainfall is needed. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Clay and Randolph Counties received scattered showers but pastures remain stressed from the heat and lack of moisture. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said producers are selling calves because they lack grass. Karen McDonald, FSA CED, said pastures are dead, and producers filed loss reports on their grazing lands in Monroe County. Pastures are dry and producers are feeding hay, which is becoming scarce, said Forrester.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center**  
 Values for Monday, June 20, 2011, to Sunday, June 26, 2011  
 (7 days)  
<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

**U.S. Drought Monitor, June 21, 2011**  
 National Weather Service  
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Name	City	State	Total Precipitation Value (in.)	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	2.32	79.9
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	0.88	80.8
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	1.74	81.7
Clayton	Clayton	AL	1.11	82.8
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	0.90	81.1
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	3.39	78.5
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	1.82	78.7
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	1.16	79.4
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	0.93	83.6
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	2.55	81.6
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	2.80	80.0
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	1.55	80.3

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.96	96.04	54.68	41.92	24.95	11.70
Last Week (06/14/2011 map)	1.65	98.35	54.88	40.72	21.61	3.72
3 Months Ago (03/22/2011 map)	16.35	83.65	47.18	23.51	2.33	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	3.64	96.36	66.34	25.17	4.40	0.00
One Year Ago (06/15/2010 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

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

