



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Slows Harvest

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 16, 2011**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	96	96	99	91
Cotton Bolls Opening	87	84	95	91
Cotton Harvested	26	18	56	38
Peanuts Dug	56	28	61	46
Peanuts Combined	42	22	43	32
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	84	72	92	88
Soybeans Harvested	28	16	51	42
Winter Wheat Planted	20	16	19	4
Winter Wheat Emerged	8	2	0	0

CROP / LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	10	15	32	39	4
Cotton	7	19	32	39	3
Peanuts	7	18	31	40	4
Soybeans	5	13	31	47	4
Winter Wheat	0	0	15	85	0
Livestock	2	8	32	54	4
Pasture & Range	12	24	34	28	2

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	5.3	9	24	67	0
District 20	4.4	1	33	66	0
District 30	4.3	10	52	38	0
District 40	5.9	16	37	45	2
District 50	6.7	5	28	67	0
District 60	5.4	36	32	30	2
State: Current Week	5.4	14	32	53	1
State: Previous	6.5	15	31	53	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Donald E. Mann, FSA CED, said Jackson County received light rain showers last week delaying crop harvest by a few days. Carol Gay, FSA CED, said Randolph and Clay Counties received rain this past week; however, the majority of the two counties are still in a D3 drought stage. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said cool and damp conditions prevailed most of the week with little field work being accomplished in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties. Smith said 0.70 inches of rain was received at the service center last week. Bobby Beasley, FSA CED, said Henry County received some rain last week, but not enough to pull the county out of a drought.

Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, said cotton harvest was underway in Marion and Winston Counties, with yields between 800 to 1,100 pounds per acre. Mann said most producers are now harvesting cotton in Jackson County. Malone said soybean harvest was in full swing with yields between 30 to 50 bushels per acre. Malone said corn harvest is just about complete with yields between 90 to 110 bushels per acre. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, said rainfall was received over the past week, and cotton and peanut harvest is going well in Henry County.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said Marion and Winston Counties received rain last week, and livestock producers hope this will help pasture grass growth before winter. T. H. Gregg, ACES REA, said farmers have planted clover across Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, and Jackson Counties. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, said very little rain has been received in Bibb, Chilton, Fayette, Jefferson, Lamar, Marion, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston Counties, which is making it very difficult for producers to plant winter grazing or for the crop to obtain a stand. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said producers are trying to finalize the last cutting of hay across the Blackbelt. Jackson said cattle prices remain high, as the local stockyard was full of beef producers selling and buying. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said rain is desperately needed for winter annuals to come up across Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. Jones said small grains for forages are being planted in Henry County.

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	66.2	0.11
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	65.1	0.50
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	70.4	0.07
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	68.4	0.94
Pinson	Pinson	AL	63.4	0.07
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	63.1	0.64

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.59	45.41	38.78	28.75	14.35	0.00
Last Week (10/04/2011 map)	54.67	45.33	38.78	28.78	14.38	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/12/2011 map)	13.70	86.30	56.59	39.92	22.22	9.18
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	17.47	82.53	55.26	29.34	1.82	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (10/05/2010 map)	3.66	96.34	66.34	25.70	4.40	0.00

Intensity:

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

