

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Crop Harvest Progresses Amid Drought Conditions

The data reflects the week ending: October 7, 2007.

CROP PROGRESS							
Сгор	This Week	Last Week	2006	5-Yr Avg.			
		Perc	ent				
Corn Harvested	94	88	96	90			
Cotton Bolls Opening	93	89	92	93			
Cotton Harvested	24	16	36	24			
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	87	88	81				
Soybeans Harvested	33	25	39	26			
Peanuts Dug	33	22	20	53			
Peanuts Combined	22	12	11	44			

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Сгор	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.					
	Percent									
Cotton	39	29	23	8	1					
Soybeans	50	23	24	3	0					
Peanuts	16	25	35	22	2					
Livestock	40	18	26	16	0					
Pasture & Range	41	34	21	4	0					

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus							
	Suitable	Percent										
District 10	7.0	73	25	2	0							
District 20	6.8	85	15	0	0							
District 30	7.0	88	12	0	0							
District 40	6.7	57	20	23	0							
District 50	6.6	23	22	55	0							
District 60	6.6	33	58	9	0							
State: Previous Week	6.6	54	33	13	0							
State: Current Week	6.8	61	29	10	0							

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: A third consecutive week of light, scattered rainfall erased the drought-free conditions that existed in the southern part of Mobile County. Exceptional drought conditions increased from 48.7 to 52.0 percent during the past week, and had nearly doubled during the last three months, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Numerous reporters commented on their counties receiving small amounts of rainfall, but nowhere near enough to reverse the effects of the dreadful drought conditions seen and felt this year. Temperatures across the state during the past week were well above normal for this time of year. The recorded daytime high of 89 degrees in Pinson was 11 degrees above normal. Daytimes highs ranged from 84 degrees in Cullman and Sand Mountain to 91 degrees in Geneva and Headland. Overnight lows varied from a cool 45 degrees in Hamilton and Cullman to 61 degrees along the coast in Bay Minette and Mobile. Very isolated rain showers fell last week. Weather stations reported receiving accumulations from just a trace to 1.32 inches over a two day period in Geneva.

Corn/Soybeans: The remaining acreage of 2007's corn crop lingered, as producers tried to wrap up harvest. Soybean harvest is in full swing across most of the state, with most of the crop still in very poor or poor condition. Insect and disease pressure has been light this year because of the hot, dry weather conditions.

Cotton/Peanuts: Cotton harvest moved forward, but progress remained behind last year's. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent, indicated that conditions were very dry, and that producers were busy defoliating and picking bad cotton. Peanut harvest progressed during the past week at a pace ahead of last year, but well behind the five-year average. The condition of this year's crop remained unchanged from last week. <u>Kris Balkcom</u>, Peanut Specialist at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center, reported that most peanuts already harvested had received grades that were much lower than expected, leaving producers with production values lower than the loan price for peanuts.

Pecans: Even with a year of drought conditions, Alabama's 2007 pecan crop was expected to be the biggest and best the state has seen in several years. Trees in the north were hit by the Easter weekend freeze, and lost their entire crop. Trees in the central portion of the state that were affected by the drought had nuts of reduced size. Pecan scab affected trees along the coast because of higher rainfall totals and extremely high temperatures. Monte Nesbitt, Research Horticulturist at the Gulf Coast Research and Extension Center, stated that the hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 followed by very low production in 2006 created a situation where the majority of the trees in the state set a heavy crop in 2007. Trees affected in 2004 and 2005 had 2 to 3 growing seasons to reproduce fruiting wood, and recover their bearing potential. Harvest of some very early pecan varieties was complete, with progress expected to increase substantially during the next week.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Livestock and pasture conditions remained virtually unchanged during the past week, with the majority of both in very poor or poor condition. John S. Pulliam, Macon County Extension Agent, stated that farmers in the county still need more rainfall on their pastures and hayfields in order to produce good yields. Hay supplies remained short, as producers continued to feed what little hay was available to their cattle. <u>Arthur Threatt</u>, Washington County Extension Agent, added that producers were busy planting winter grazing for their livestock.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday, October 1, 2007 To Sunday, October 7, 2007

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DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2007 Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit <u>www.awis.com</u> or call 1-888-798-9955.

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