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Crop Harvest Moves Forward With Week of Good Weather

CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, November 5, 2006

Crop	This Week		Last Week	5-Yr Avg.
	Week	Week	2005	
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	77	64	71	63
Soybeans Harvested	80	68	77	54
Peanuts Dug	71	62	95	96
Peanuts Combined	63	49	88	90

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, November 3, 2006

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Pasture	16	28	35	19	2
Livestock	3	18	43	30	6

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	3.7	17	25	48	10
District 20	4.2	0	3	65	32
District 30	4.5	3	14	73	10
District 40	5.7	7	46	46	1
District 50	5.0	1	27	66	6
District 60	6.4	14	23	61	2
State: Current Week	5.0	10	25	57	8
State: Previous Week	4.5	12	24	53	11

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: A week of little to no rain allowed crop harvest to move forward at a fast pace, as farmers were able to spend nearly the whole week in their fields. James Miles, Regional Extension Agent and Horticulture Specialist in Mobile County reported that cotton and peanut harvest throughout many southwestern areas progressed well. Soil conditions were reported as having higher moisture levels again this week, with 65 percent of the ground experiencing either adequate or surplus conditions. Very little rain was reported as falling in the Coastal Plains and Wiregrass parts of the state. However, weather stations throughout the northern and central areas reported rainfall totals ranging from a trace to 1.39 inches. Hamilton received the most rainfall at 1.39 inches over a two day period this week. Daytime highs ranged from 72° in several places across the Appalachian

Foothills to 83° in Bay Minette. Overnight lows varied from a very chilly 22° in Belle Mina to 38° in parts of the Coastal Plains.

Cotton: Charles Thomas in the Tuscaloosa County FSA office indicated that producers have experienced some good cotton yields, but need some cooperative weather to finish harvest. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent mentioned that the crop on the top half of many cotton stands is very slow in opening. Some parts of the county have seen good dryland yields. However, there are not enough fields of good cotton to offset the yields that are under a bale per acre. James D. Jones, Jr., Henry County Extension Agent noted that some progress has been made with cotton harvest, but conditions have not been optimal.

Peanuts/Soybeans: Peanut and soybean harvest moved forward quite well during the past week, as cooperative weather conditions allowed producers an average of 5 days for fieldwork. Mr. Kuykendall added that peanut harvest in Autauga County is slow, and that some Seg 3 nuts have been harvested. Dennis Delaney, Soybean Specialist with Auburn University stated that later planted soybeans are yielding better than early soybean stands. Numerous reports of Asian soybean rust have been streaming in, but yields should not be affected because it is so late in the harvest season.

Other Crops: Mr. Miles indicated Satsuma harvest approaches, but is still one to two weeks away, while pecan harvest has already begun. No major disease problems have been reported in either crop.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Livestock conditions have shown improvement over the past couple of weeks as more nutritious grazing supplies become available. Many producers throughout Etowah County are reported to already be feeding winter hay supplies to livestock. Stands of winter grazing in Tallapoosa County are in good condition with a boost from the recent rains received. Small grains used for winter grazing in Henry County have also emerged with the help of wet weather and moist soil conditions. Darrell Rankins, Beef Cattle Nutritionist stated that producers that got their winter grazing planted in a timely fashion have good quantities of grazing. Many producers are busy purchasing their winter feed supplements, with cottonseed currently being one of the better buys. Most producers are entering the winter feeding season with 50 to 60 percent of normal hay quantities.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday, October 30, 2006 To Sunday, November 5, 2006

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4" Soil Temp	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal		Total	DF	Total	DFN
<i>District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 25% of Corn Acreage, 32% of Cotton Acreage, 41% of Soybean Acreage.</i>															
Muscle Shoals	75	27	53	-3	0.27	-0.56	2	40.77	-3.40	92		39	-6	8	1
Russellville	75	30	51	-3	0.30	-0.57	2	38.18	-8.31	82		32	0	4	-3
Belle Mina	76	22	49	-7	0.45	-0.45	2	33.25	-11.89	74	54	27	-13	2	-5
Huntsville Ag	73	29	52	-4	0.67	-0.24	2	34.65	-12.47	74		35	-10	6	-1
Hamilton	76	24	50	-4	1.39	0.48	2	41.15	-8.19	83		29	-7	4	-3
<i>District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.</i>															
Anniston AP	77	30	54	-4	0.38	-0.34	1	37.64	-7.23	84		37	-16	2	-8
Cullman Ag	72	26	50	-6	0.42	-0.39	1	48.49	-0.64	99	60	23	-17	2	-5
Sand Mountain	72	29	51	-3	0.51	-0.28	1	38.72	-7.07	85	58	32	-5	0	-7
Gadsden AP	73	27	51	-5	0.05	-0.74	1	33.49	-12.81	72		29	-15	0	-7
Bridgeport	74	27	49	-5	0.47	-0.47	2	42.25	-6.95	86		20	-13	0	-7
Guntersville	72	28	52	-6	0.95	0.19	2	38.71	-5.54	87		33	-19	0	-11
<i>District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.</i>															
Thorsby	78	33	55	-3	0.33	-0.42	1	33.55	-13.81	71	60	50	-5	6	-7
Talladega	77	29	52	-6	0.57	-0.24	1	38.29	-9.76	80		31	-21	1	-8
Birmingham AP	77	33	56	-2	0.45	-0.34	1	50.64	4.93	111		50	-2	8	-4
Alabaster	76	35	55	-3	0.68	-0.06	1	45.45	-2.72	94		43	-10	5	-6
Pinson	78	28	54	-2	0.35	-0.47	1	36.63	-10.72	77		44	4	6	-1
Opelika Wtr Plt	77	33	53	-6	0.60	-0.22	1	39.46	-9.15	81		36	-21	4	-10
Alexander City	79	29	54	-4	0.35	-0.43	1	39.39	-9.18	81		41	-12	5	-6
Tuscaloosa AP	79	32	55	-4	1.24	0.43	1	41.90	-4.33	91		45	-14	7	-7
Jasper	74	28	50	-4	0.38	-0.43	1	50.98	2.82	106		26	-12	1	-6
<i>District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 9% of Corn Acreage, 12% of Cotton Acreage, 13% of Soybeans Acreage, 21% of Pecan Trees.</i>															
Union Springs	79	31	56	-4	0.27	-0.43	1	30.65	-15.93	66		52	-13	10	-6
Marion Junction	81	31	55	-4	0.35	-0.38	1	26.88	-18.40	59	62	47	-11	10	-3
Montgomery AP	80	31	57	-4	0.06	-0.64	1	34.30	-10.37	77		54	-19	13	-8
Livingston	82	30	55	-4	0.35	-0.49	2	38.49	-9.12	81		47	-12	9	-5
<i>District 50 Southwest Alabama - Coastal Plain 11% of Corn Acreage, 20% of Cotton Acreage, 13% of Soybean Acreage, 32% of Peanut Acreage, 51% of Pecan Trees.</i>															
Bay Minette	83	38	60	-4	0.00	-0.79	0	43.02	-13.81	76		75	-19	25	-10
Brewton AG	80	36	57	-3	0.06	-0.80	1	45.85	-9.36	83	60	52	-15	8	-11
Thomasville	80	33	57	-3	0.27	-0.53	1	38.40	-10.05	79		61	-7	18	-1
Mobile Bates	80	38	60	-3	0.00	-0.72	0	36.35	-18.73	66		75	-17	24	-10
<i>District 60 Southeast Alabama - Wiregrass 23% of Corn Acreage, 27% of Cotton Acreage, 4% of Soybean Acreage, 64% of Peanut Acreage, 23% of Pecan Trees.</i>															
Eufaula Wildlife	79	34	57	-3	0.07	-0.57	1	41.44	-1.43	97		55	-11	11	-4
Troy Municipal	78	31	56	-5	0.00	-0.71	0	33.59	-10.88	76		50	-21	9	-12
Highland Home	79	27	53	-7	0.00	-0.75	0	40.44	-6.94	85		36	-35	5	-16
Geneva Ag	80	29	56	-6	0.00	-0.73	0	39.10	-10.23	79	62	53	-28	10	-18
Headland	79	37	59	-3	0.00	-0.72	0	28.75	-19.26	60	74	73	-3	22	-1
Dothan	81	37	59	-4	0.00	-0.73	0	33.50	-13.40	71		63	-20	17	-11

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) , 2006 Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc., For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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