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Producers Trying to Wrap Up Harvest

CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, November 12, 2006

Crop	This Week		Last Week	5-Yr Avg.
	Week	Week	2005	Percent
Cotton Harvested	86	77	81	72
Soybeans Harvested	86	80	86	60
Peanuts Dug	82	71	98	98
Peanuts Combined	74	63	97	94

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, November 10, 2006

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Pasture	14	28	35	21	2
Livestock	2	18	43	31	6

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	3.8	10	25	57	8
District 20	4.0	0	3	65	32
District 30	4.4	2	11	67	20
District 40	5.5	6	43	49	2
District 50	4.0	0	22	71	7
District 60	6.0	10	22	66	2
State: Current Week	4.9	7	23	61	9
State: Previous Week	5.0	10	25	57	8

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Wet weather moved back into Alabama during the past week, dropping nearly four inches of rain on several places across the state. Mobile received 3.37 inches in one day, while other weather stations reported rainfall amounts over a four day period. Total accumulations ranged from 0.26 inches in Union Springs to 3.92 inches in Russellville. Temperatures recorded for the week were as much as seven degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 71° Bridgeport to 82° near Livingston. Overnight night lows were quite chilly in some places, and varied from 29° in Hamilton to 42° in Muscle Shoals. William Birdsong, Extension Specialist at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center reported that

the 2006 crop year has been much delayed due to the summer drought combined late season rains that pushed crop development forward. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent mentioned that producers are busy picking cotton, harvesting peanuts, and sowing small grain cover and grain crops.

Cotton: Harvest showed good progress this week, even though the number of suitable days for fieldwork was limited. Growers in southeastern Alabama have averaged only about four days a week to complete any fieldwork during the past couple of weeks. As a result, some producers have yet to harvest nearly half of their cotton crop. Cotton producers with fields in the Wiregrass area that have not been defoliated are currently doing so. Some growers are adding Gramoxone, a desiccant/defoliant, at a low rate to aid with boll opening in hopes of limiting freeze damage on unopened bolls.

Peanuts/Soybeans: Macon County producers have received peanut yields near the county average, as harvest is nearly complete. Peanut growers in the Wiregrass region need two to three weeks of good, cooperative weather in order to get close to wrapping up peanut harvest. Yields in the area are better than what was expected during the summer drought conditions. Soybean harvest is moving along at the same pace as last year, but is 26 percent ahead of the five-year average. Districts 10, 20, and 30 have nearly finished harvest. Harvest in the central parts of the state is between 75 and 85 percent complete, with District 60 lagging behind with a little over a quarter of the fields harvested.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Most of the state's livestock are reported in adequate or good condition as the winter months approach. Pasture conditions continue to improve even though the number of growing days gets shorter and the grass's dormant period arrives. Fifty-six percent of Alabama's pastures are in adequate or good condition. Jimmy Smitherman, Montgomery County Extension Agent indicated that the recent rains have been helpful. The majority of cattle and sheep producers are moving into the winter feeding months with only 50 or 60 percent of their normal feedstuff supplies.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday, November 6, 2006 To Sunday, November 12, 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	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 25% of Corn Acreage, 32% of Cotton Acreage, 41% of Soybean Acreage.															
Muscle Shoals	79	42	58	5	2.88	1.93	4	43.65	-1.47	97		60	25	12	5
Russellville	78	36	56	5	3.92	2.95	3	42.10	-5.36	89		51	26	7	3
Belle Mina	80	37	55	3	1.47	0.45	4	34.72	-11.44	75	55	42	11	8	1
Huntsville Ag	76	41	57	4	0.97	-0.07	3	35.62	-12.54	74		50	15	5	-2
Hamilton	79	29	55	4	2.90	1.83	3	44.05	-6.36	87		45	17	3	-3
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.															
Anniston AP	77	40	58	3	0.57	-0.24	3	38.21	-7.47	84		53	10	6	-1
Cullman Ag	75	39	55	3	1.30	0.38	3	49.79	-0.26	99	59	40	9	0	-7
Sand Mountain	75	38	54	3	0.94	0.00	4	39.66	-7.07	85	56	43	14	4	-3
Gadsden AP	75	37	56	3	0.67	-0.23	3	34.16	-13.04	72		46	10	4	-3
Bridgeport	71	38	53	2	1.10	0.05	4	43.35	-6.90	86		26	0	1	-4
Guntersville	75	42	56	2	1.06	0.18	4	39.77	-5.36	88		50	8	5	-2
District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.															
Thorsby	78	39	59	4	0.81	-0.06	2	34.36	-13.87	71	60	71	27	12	5
Talladega	76	31	55	0	0.84	-0.09	3	39.13	-9.85	80		46	2	3	-4
Birmingham AP	78	42	60	6	0.94	-0.01	4	51.58	4.92	111		72	30	14	7
Alabaster	77	40	60	6	0.83	-0.04	4	46.28	-2.76	94		72	28	17	10
Pinson	79	41	59	7	0.96	0.00	4	37.59	-10.72	78		67	36	12	5
Opelika Wtr Plt	76	38	57	2	1.50	0.56	2	40.96	-8.59	83		51	4	4	-3
Alexander City	80	39	58	3	0.96	0.10	3	40.35	-9.08	82		56	12	7	0
Tuscaloosa AP	78	38	61	6	2.55	1.66	4	44.45	-2.67	94		77	31	20	12
Jasper	78	39	56	5	3.88	3.00	4	54.86	5.82	112		49	19	4	-3
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 9% of Corn Acreage, 12% of Cotton Acreage, 13% of Soybeans Acreage, 21% of Pecan Trees.															
Union Springs	79	40	60	3	0.26	-0.55	2	30.91	-16.48	65		77	23	15	1
Marion Junction	79	36	59	4	1.19	0.38	2	28.07	-18.02	61	62	80	33	16	9
Montgomery AP	79	38	62	4	0.58	-0.27	3	34.88	-10.64	77		84	24	21	5
Livingston	82	38	60	4	1.91	1.05	2	40.40	-8.07	83		73	23	14	4
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.															
Bay Minette	78	41	64	3	2.19	1.26	2	45.21	-12.55	78		106	25	37	9
Brewton AG	80	39	62	5	1.45	0.45	2	47.30	-8.91	84	63	84	26	16	2
Thomasville	80	38	60	3	1.59	0.65	4	39.99	-9.40	81		78	20	16	2
Mobile Bates	80	41	63	3	3.37	2.51	1	39.72	-16.22	71		96	16	28	1
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.															
Eufaula Wildlife	78	41	61	5	1.09	0.34	3	44.14	0.52	101		81	27	17	3
Troy Municipal	79	39	62	5	0.47	-0.36	3	34.06	-11.24	75		84	25	20	5
Highland Home	79	35	57	-1	0.80	-0.10	2	41.24	-7.04	85		60	0	7	-8
Geneva Ag	81	40	61	2	2.18	1.39	2	41.28	-8.84	82	64	89	19	21	0
Headland	79	41	62	4	1.26	0.46	3	30.01	-18.80	61	73	93	27	24	3
Dothan	80	41	63	4	1.06	0.22	3	34.56	-13.18	72		94	22	25	3

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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