



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Dry Weather Returns as Harvest Nears Completion

The data reflects the week ending: **November 4, 2007.**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2006	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	80	71	75	65
Soybeans Harvested	74	61	78	62
Peanuts Dug	80	71	70	90
Peanuts Combined	69	55	61	84

### CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Percent				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Livestock	38	22	25	15	0
Pasture & Range	47	29	20	4	0

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Percent			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
District 10	7.0	46	43	11	0
District 20	6.6	39	35	26	0
District 30	6.8	51	42	7	0
District 40	6.7	47	33	20	0
District 50	6.6	14	7	77	2
District 60	7.0	30	44	26	0
State: Previous Week	3.8	36	34	27	3
State: Current Week	6.8	40	38	22	0

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** During a week with no reported rainfall and generally warmer than normal temperatures, producers watched as the parched soil quickly absorbed all of the moisture that had fallen during the previous weeks. Russell C. Parrish, Jr., Crenshaw County Extension Agent, stated that the soil soaked up the five plus inches of rain that fell in the county during the previous week in no time, and that farmers could certainly use more rain. All weather stations reported receiving no rainfall accumulation during the past week, leaving producers plenty of dry days to spend harvesting the remainder of their crops. Temperatures varied from just below to just above normal for this time of year. Daytime highs ranged

from 72 degrees in Sand Mountain to 82 degrees in Dothan. Over night lows dipped to below freezing in some areas, and reached a very chilly 30 degrees in Hamilton. Several county reporters indicated that the first frosts of the season happened in low lying areas.

**Small Grains/Soybeans:** Farmers continued small grain seedbed preparation, and spent time sowing their wheat crops. The state's soybean harvest moved forward in a big way during the past week, with nearly three-quarters of the crop already out of the field. Progress remained behind last year, but well ahead of the five-year average.

**Cotton/Peanuts:** Cotton was harvested at a fast pace during the past week, as progress remained ahead of last year and well ahead of the five-year average. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent, reported that producers in the county have seen bad yields, with the average yield not being more than one half of a bale per acre. Peanut harvest continued at a fast tempo, keeping progress nearly ten percent ahead of the previous year, but still well behind the five-year average.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** The state's pasture condition remained virtually unchanged during the past week, with the majority reported as very poor or poor. John S. Pulliam, Macon County Extension Agent, mentioned that the lack of rain was seriously affecting the county's hay and row crop yields. Producers in Macon County were also reported as still reducing the size of their cattle herds because of the drought. Most of Alabama's livestock were reported in very poor or poor condition, unchanged from a week ago.

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**ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday, October 29, 2007 To Sunday, November 4, 2007**

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 32% of Corn Acreage, 32% of Cotton Acreage, 39% of Soybean Acreage.															
Muscle Shoals	77	35	56	-1	0.00	-0.81	0	31.06	-12.98	71		41	-5	3	-4
Russellville	77	36	54	2	0.00	-0.85	0	29.37	-16.99	63		37	4	3	-4
Belle Mina	75	33	54	-1	0.00	-0.88	0	21.60	-23.40	48	63	36	-5	2	-5
Huntsville Ag	75	35	56	1	0.00	-0.88	0	25.08	-21.90	53		47	1	3	-5
Hamilton	78	30	54	0	0.00	-0.89	0	34.68	-14.52	70		33	-4	1	-6
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 21% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 35% of Soybean Acreage.															
Anniston AP	78	32	59	2	0.00	-0.70	0	17.84	-26.92	40		63	9	9	-2
Cullman Ag	75	32	54	-2	0.00	-0.80	0	25.75	-23.47	52	61	35	-7	0	-7
Sand Mountain	72	34	54	0	0.00	-0.77	0	28.58	-17.70	62	59	36	-2	0	-7
Gadsden_AP	75	32	55	0	0.00	-0.77	0	24.75	-21.43	54		40	-5	2	-5
Bridgeport	73	33	53	-2	0.00	-0.93	0	28.05	-21.23	57		24	-11	0	-7
Guntersville	74	33	57	0	0.00	-0.74	0	27.17	-17.38	61		62	9	6	-6
District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 8% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.															
Thorsby	78	39	61	4	0.00	-0.74	0	21.09	-26.16	45	64	84	27	19	5
Talladega	76	32	55	-3	0.00	-0.80	0	22.34	-25.82	46		43	-10	2	-8
Birmingham_AP	78	38	60	4	0.00	-0.77	0	26.01	-19.58	57		71	18	10	-3
Alabaster	77	37	60	3	0.00	-0.72	0	29.37	-18.69	61		70	15	10	-2
Pinson	78	32	57	3	0.00	-0.79	0	24.10	-23.12	51		58	16	4	-3
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	75	32	57	-2	0.00	-0.81	0	30.70	-17.79	63		67	8	9	-5
Alexander_City	78	36	58	2	0.00	-0.77	0	26.79	-21.66	55		65	11	8	-4
Tuscaloosa_AP	80	33	59	0	0.00	-0.80	0	21.39	-24.72	46		62	2	9	-5
Jasper	77	32	55	1	0.00	-0.80	0	30.63	-17.41	64		38	-1	1	-6
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 11% of Corn Acreage, 12% of Cotton Acreage, 9% of Soybeans Acreage, 21% of Pecan Trees.															
Union Springs	79	40	62	3	0.00	-0.68	0	25.72	-20.75	55		91	25	24	7
Marion Junction	78	38	61	3	0.00	-0.71	0	25.32	-19.85	56	69	82	23	19	5
Montgomery_AP	80	40	63	3	0.00	-0.67	0	32.69	-11.87	73		90	16	24	3
Livingston	79	37	58	0	0.00	-0.84	0	34.99	-12.50	74		64	4	9	-5
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 6% of Corn Acreage, 20% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Ac., 32% of Peanut Ac., 51% of Pecan Trees.															
Bay Minette	80	43	64	1	0.00	-0.77	0	42.26	-14.45	75		101	6	33	-3
Brewton_AG	80	38	63	4	0.00	-0.84	0	51.36	-3.72	93	67	94	26	27	7
Thomasville	78	42	61	2	0.00	-0.78	0	32.22	-16.34	66		80	10	14	-6
Mobile_Bates	81	41	65	2	0.00	-0.70	0	43.87	-11.10	80		108	14	40	4
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 20% of Corn Ac., 27% of Cotton Acreage, 3% of Soybean Ac., 64% of Peanut Acreage, 23% of Pecan Trees.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	81	40	61	2	0.00	-0.62	0	38.66	-4.69	89		83	16	19	3
Troy_Municipal	80	36	61	2	0.00	-0.69	0	33.62	-10.74	76		80	7	16	-5
Highland Home	78	37	59	-2	0.00	-0.72	0	31.79	-15.47	67		68	-5	8	-13
Geneva_Ag	81	32	62	0	0.00	-0.72	0	48.30	-0.92	98	68	92	9	28	0
Headland	81	44	64	4	0.00	-0.70	0	31.48	-16.42	66	75	106	28	36	12
Dothan	82	43	65	3	0.00	-0.71	0	35.70	-11.09	76		105	20	35	6

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 [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.

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