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More Rain Needed in Most Areas

CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, May 7, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2005	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	96	95	89	92
Corn Emerged	75	68	62	67
Cotton Planted	63	44	55	60
Soybeans Planted	34	25	17	14
Peanuts Planted	23	7	10	19

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, May 5, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	25	69	4
Winter Wheat	6	7	16	71	0
Pasture	6	30	22	38	4
Livestock	0	5	25	56	14

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	2.7	0	4	90	6
District 20	3.7	0	3	58	39
District 30	5.3	0	6	93	1
District 40	6.0	10	54	36	0
District 50	5.5	0	29	67	4
District 60	6.6	40	43	17	0
State: Current Week	4.9	12	26	55	7
State: Previous Week	5.6	16	28	51	5

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Alabama received rain throughout the majority of the state last week, with most of the precipitation falling in the Tennessee Valley, Appalachian Foothills, and North Central Alabama. However, even with these rains Alabama is still suffering from below normal precipitation totals. **Dan Porch**, Extension Agent in Northeastern Alabama, reported that the week started wet and ended wet with the area receiving precipitation totals ranging from 0.5 of an inch to 4.5 inches. **William Birdsong**, Extension Specialist in Southern Alabama stated that rainfall totals of 0.3 of an inch to 3.0

inches were received in most areas. Both **Mr. Porch** and **Mr. Birdsong** indicated that more rainfall is needed and would be welcome. The average high temperatures recorded for last week ranged from 81 to 88 degrees with lows varying from the mid 40's to 60 degrees in some areas.

Mr. Birdsong reported that cotton planting has been in full swing over the past week, but is slowing for those operators that want to plant a crop in wetter soil. Some operators are replanting their cotton crop due to poor stands, and the rainfall totals that were received should finish the replant. Autauga County Extension Agent, **Leonard Kuykendall** reported that in most of Elmore and Autauga Counties cotton planting has stopped due to a lack of soil moisture, but there is a little replanting occurring. **Mr. Kuykendall** also stated that post-emergence herbicides, along with insecticides targeting thrips and grasshoppers are being applied. Henry County Extension Agent, **James D. Jones, Jr.**, reported that more rain is needed in order for cotton planting to proceed. As of now, planting has come to a halt. **Tim Reed** of Franklin County reported that planting was slowed by scattered showers, and that the corn crop was off to a great start. Houston County Extension Agent, **Terry Armstrong**, commented that crops are emerging and planting is proceeding at a rapid rate despite the lack of moisture.

Mr. Jones commented that pasture conditions are fair, but are droughty to the point where hay reserves are being fed and will soon be gone. **Mr. Birdsong** also stated that grazing is short due to the lack of rainfall, and that farmers in the south are continuing to feed hay to cattle.

Mr. Jones indicated that peanut planting was creeping along, but will cease if more moisture is not received. Jackson County Extension Agent, **Donald E. Mann**, commented that soybean and corn planting is progressing very well. **Mr. Porch** reported that strawberry harvest is continuing in northeastern Alabama, and that most growers have picked out the hail damage that occurred two weeks ago. Peach growers are busy thinning their crop, and were able to apply protective sprays to the trees.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday May 1, 2006 To: Sunday May 8, 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	84	53	67	2	1.74	0.62	5	20.08	-0.28	99	67	121	13	53	9	
Russellville	86	53	67	5	1.98	0.73	5	20.10	-2.33	90		124	36	55	26	
Belle Mina	86	42	62	-4	2.18	1.12	6	17.51	-4.45	80		88	-14	26	-13	
Huntsville Ag	84	51	66	2	1.62	0.47	6	16.54	-6.20	73		115	9	48	6	
Hamilton	88	48	66	3	2.36	1.03	5	20.43	-3.25	86		114	20	44	12	
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.																
Anniston AP	84	51	67	1	1.39	0.34	5	20.40	-2.39	90	66	122	6	52	4	
Cullman Ag	81	49	64	-1	3.61	2.38	5	23.41	-0.42	98		104	0	39	0	
Sand Mountain	83	49	64	1	1.32	0.20	3	18.09	-4.15	81		104	11	38	7	
Gadsden AP	84	48	66	1	0.60	-0.57	4	16.39	-7.23	69		111	5	43	4	
Bridgeport	83	43	63	1	1.41	0.22	6	19.41	-4.19	82		103	14	40	12	
Guntersville	81	51	65	-2	1.66	0.48	5	17.75	-4.02	82		113	0	46	0	
District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.																
Thorsby	84	53	68	2	0.88	-0.08	4	16.31	-7.22	69	71	134	16	64	13	
Talladega	85	48	66	-2	1.61	0.56	5	20.58	-2.96	87		114	2	46	1	
Birmingham AP	85	54	68	2	1.01	-0.13	4	27.09	4.98	123		126	12	57	10	
Alabaster	83	54	68	3	2.03	0.98	4	21.87	-2.56	90		125	12	56	11	
Pinson	87	51	66	3	1.20	0.02	3	21.27	-2.22	91		134	33	64	27	
Opelika Wtr Plt	86	47	66	2	0.00	-0.95	0	17.83	-6.17	74		121	12	51	7	
Alexander City	87	50	67	1	0.04	-0.99	1	16.34	-7.33	69		125	12	56	10	
Tuscaloosa AP	86	53	69	2	1.06	-0.01	3	19.32	-3.81	84		134	9	64	7	
Jasper	86	52	65	2	2.56	1.37	3	25.62	1.85	108		114	15	44	8	
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	88	51	70	3	0.12	-0.75	2	11.13	-10.59	51	73	147	21	77	21	
Marion Junction	86	55	69	3	1.21	0.26	4	13.97	-8.76	61		143	21	73	20	
Montgomery AP	86	53	70	1	0.54	-0.37	3	15.63	-6.19	72		138	6	68	6	
Livingston	86	56	70	3	1.85	0.77	4	18.95	-4.54	81		145	22	75	21	
District 50 Southwest Alabama - Coastal Plain 11% of Corn Acreage, 20% of Cotton Acreage, 13% of Soybean Acreage, 51% of Pecan Trees.																
Bay Minette	84	60	72	1	2.87	1.72	3	15.38	-8.00	66	77	165	14	95	14	
Brewton AG	86	57	71	2	0.52	-0.49	2	13.56	-10.03	57		154	18	84	18	
Thomasville	86	58	70	3	1.28	0.23	3	15.77	-7.45	68		146	16	76	15	
Mobile Bates	86	57	73	2	1.14	-0.09	1	10.73	-11.61	48		162	9	92	9	
District 60 Southeast Alabama - Wiregrass 23% of Corn Acreage, 27% of Cotton Acreage, 4% of Soybean Acreage, 96% of Peanut Ac., 23% of Pecan Trees.																
Eufaula Wildlife	87	50	71	3	0.10	-0.74	2	16.08	-3.97	80	79	152	26	82	25	
Troy Municipal	87	52	69	1	0.27	-0.57	3	13.92	-7.08	66		135	6	65	5	
Highland Home	85	50	66	-3	0.78	-0.20	3	14.58	-8.41	63		123	-6	53	-7	
Geneva Ag	88	55	70	0	0.00	-0.77	0	14.29	-6.24	70		152	10	82	10	
Headland	88	54	72	2	0.07	-0.88	1	10.56	-11.41	48		85	163	21	93	21
Dothan	88	55	73	4	0.08	-0.76	1	12.68	-9.24	58		162	22	92	22	

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.

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