

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Drought Causing Delayed Planting of Cotton and Peanuts

The data tables reflect the week ending: May 27, 2007.

CROP PROGRESS							
Сгор	This Week	Last Week	2006	5-Yr Avg.			
		Perc	Percent				
Corn Emerged	98	96	97	94			
Cotton Planted	86	78	91	90			
Soybeans Planted	71	64	62	44			
Soybeans Emerged	52	41	39	30			
Peanuts Planted	76	49	77	82			
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CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Сгор	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.					
	Percent									
Corn	26	38	28	8	0					
Winter Wheat	37	14	20	27	2					
Livestock	10	24	42	24	0					
Pasture & Range	25	40	30	5	0					

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus				
	Suitable	Percent							
District 10	7.0	61	30	9	0				
District 20	7.0	75	24	1	0				
District 30	6.9	60	40	0	0				
District 40	6.8	56	35	9	0				
District 50	6.8	61	24	15	0				
District 60	6.4	76	24	0	0				
State: Previous Week	6.7	51	40	9	0				
State: Current Week	6.8	65	30	5	0				

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Drought conditions continue to worsen daily. During the past week, no significant changes occurred. Farmers are still in need of rain to complete their farms planting season. Some Alabama farmers are putting planting on hold to wait for more moisture. Autauga Extension Agent, <u>Leonard Kuykendall</u>, stated farmers that were not finished planting have stopped due to lack of soil moisture. Ponds, wells and streams are drying up. The area is over 14 inches of rainfall below normal for this year and 47 inches short since January of 2005. The first five months of 2007 will be the driest on record. The temperatures from last week reported daytime highs in the low 90's and evening lows in the high 40's to mid 50's. There were seven stations that reported precipitation last week and each station reported less than one quarter inch of rain.

Wheat/Corn: Mr. Kuykendall, stated that with waist high corn almost ready to tassel, another disaster with corn is probable. FSA Agent, <u>Donald E Mann</u> stated that Jackson County continues to suffer from an extreme drought. The corn is starting to twist up in the late morning instead of the late afternoon. Washington County Extension, <u>Arthur Threatt</u> reported dry conditions are causing corn to start twisting in mid day temperature. Corn conditions have shown an increase in very poor to poor categories. Alabama's winter wheat conditions also showed an increase in very poor conditions due the continuous dry weather.

Cotton/Peanuts: <u>Mr. Kuykendall</u> also commented though most of the cotton is planted, less than 1/3 is at a workable stand with weeds. <u>Mr. Mann</u> also stated young cotton and soybeans are starting to die on the poor hills due to lack of soil moisture. Henry County Extension Agent, <u>James D.</u> <u>Jones Jr.</u> stated rainfall is needed across the board. Cotton and Peanut plantings are approaching the end with little to no moisture present in the soil. Small grain harvest has begun with yields expected to be low.

Fruits/Vegetables: <u>Doug Chapman</u>, Commercial Horticulture Regional Extension Agent, stated the extremely dry weather continues to affect all aspects of commercial horticulture. Tomato spotted wilt virus is showing up in some tomato plantings. Thrips numbers remain high. Some mites have been reported in apples. Strawberries are still being harvested but some growers are winding down their season.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: <u>Mr. Jones</u> commented that pastures are dry and short. Cattlemen are feeding hay as quickly as it can be baled. <u>Mr. Mann</u> indicated that pastures are drying up and hay yields are running about 50% of normal. <u>Mr. Threatt</u> reported hay crops are being harvested with little new growth.

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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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