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Crop Conditions Continue to Decline

CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, June 4, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	5-Yr Avg.	
			2005	Percent
Corn Emerged	100	99	100	99
Corn Silked	8	na	na	5
Cotton Planted	99	92	97	96
Cotton Squaring	2	na	1	9
Soybeans Planted	76	64	59	53
Soybeans Emerged	60	40	47	39
Peanuts Planted	97	80	96	96

na = not available

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, June 2, 2006

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	Percent
Corn	8	23	57	4	8
Cotton	2	47	42	1	8
Soybeans	2	22	69	4	3
Peanuts	0	54	43	0	3
Winter Wheat	8	12	70	1	9
Pasture	7	30	37	3	23
Livestock	0	29	60	8	3

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	Percent
District 10	5.4	0	24	73	3
District 20	6.2	0	37	60	3
District 30	6.6	22	26	52	0
District 40	6.7	13	55	32	0
District 50	6.7	59	33	8	0
District 60	6.9	70	27	3	0
State: Current Week	6.4	23	34	42	1
State: Previous Week	6.7	11	36	51	2

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Soil moisture conditions are beginning to reflect the warm, dry weather Alabama has seen over the past few weeks. Most weather stations throughout the state accumulated some precipitation, but with scattered rain showers not all producers had fields or pastures that benefited from the moisture that fell. Cindy Owens in the

Fayette County FSA office reported that the county received rainfall, but that the moisture was spotty and crops are showing the signs of stress from dry weather. Numerous other respondents reported counties in dire need of rain. Areas of Baldwin County are currently six inches below the previous lowest water year total which was 24.52 inches recorded in 1940. Temperatures recorded for the state were above average, with daytime highs pushing the mercury into the upper 90's. Overnight lows varied from mid 50's into the mid 60's.

Cotton: Donald E. Mann reported that hit and miss thunderstorms in Jackson County prevented some farmers from getting their cotton fields planted, and caused others to plan a replant. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent stated that some cotton in the county is starting to grow and square, while planting in other fields was just completed. Cotton is being side-dressed with nitrogen, and growers are pulling post-directed herbicide applicators through the crop. James D. Jones, Jr., Henry County Extension Agent indicated that cotton in the county is at stress levels. Stands are skippy, and farmers are replanting.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: With the lack of rainfall continuing for most areas of the state, pasture conditions worsened over the past week. Mr. Jones stated that pastures in Henry County are severely dry, and that cattlemen in the area are feeding cattle again. Macon County Extension Agent, John S. Pulliam, reported that farmers in the county have finished their first cutting of hay. Other areas of the state are still baling the first cutting, and are seeing below average to average yields. Livestock were reported mostly in good condition, but with pasture conditions on the decline some livestock are beginning to fall into poor condition.

Peaches/Other: Research Horticulturist, Bobby Boozer, indicated that first generation plum curculio emergence is occurring in the peach crop in central Alabama. This process will continue over the next several weeks. Egg laying will likely occur within the next 7 to 10 days. Control measures are very important, as this is the generation that can cause the most damage and market losses. Mr. Kuykendall stated that wheat harvest in Autauga County is underway with growers seeing good yields, but that corn in the area is in desperate need of water. Mr. Jones reported that small

grains in Henry County are yielding about 25% of normal, and that the corn crop is showing severe drought stress.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday May 29, 2006 To: Sunday June 4, 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	94	61	78	6	2.82	1.77	3	25.62	0.69	103		199	38	129	38
Russellville	94	56	74	5	0.08	-0.97	2	22.21	-5.08	81		173	34	103	34
Belle Mina	97	49	74	3	1.06	0.10	3	20.24	-5.89	77	81	170	17	100	16
Huntsville Ag	93	61	78	7	1.31	0.28	3	19.79	-7.46	73		200	42	130	42
Hamilton	95	56	76	6	0.56	-0.54	2	22.80	-5.85	80		187	41	117	42
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.															
Anniston AP	93	56	79	6	0.70	-0.14	4	23.11	-3.34	87		201	36	131	36
Cullman Ag	91	57	76	5	0.35	-0.67	1	26.19	-2.14	92	76	185	34	115	34
Sand Mountain	92	57	76	6	0.27	-0.66	1	20.33	-6.04	77		187	44	117	44
Gadsden AP	93	55	77	5	0.20	-0.68	3	18.69	-8.93	68		192	35	122	35
Bridgeport	91	58	76	6	0.53	-0.48	4	23.98	-4.14	85		183	42	113	41
Guntersville	92	57	78	5	0.88	0.03	2	20.66	-5.18	80		199	35	129	35
District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.															
Thorsby	94	60	79	6	0.15	-0.72	2	18.62	-8.36	69	82	213	48	143	48
Talladega	93	54	76	5	0.45	-0.60	3	23.67	-4.12	85		187	29	117	29
Birmingham AP	94	61	79	6	0.64	-0.28	3	29.62	3.29	112		204	40	134	40
Alabaster	94	62	79	7	0.50	-0.41	2	25.50	-2.68	90		205	43	135	43
Pinson	92	56	77	7	1.12	0.17	4	24.33	-3.34	88		199	49	129	49
Opelika Wtr Plt	93	54	76	5	2.35	1.51	2	23.63	-3.69	86		188	28	118	29
Alexander City	93	57	78	6	0.60	-0.31	2	19.91	-7.60	72		197	35	127	37
Tuscaloosa AP	98	57	79	5	0.26	-0.58	2	22.85	-3.90	85		206	30	136	32
Jasper	95	58	78	7	0.35	-0.64	2	28.87	0.76	103		199	49	129	50
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	96	55	78	4	0.60	-0.43	1	14.91	-10.58	58		207	33	137	33
Marion Junction	96	60	79	6	0.39	-0.48	2	16.70	-9.47	64	83	212	41	142	41
Montgomery AP	94	57	79	4	0.28	-0.56	2	18.50	-6.81	73		207	26	137	26
Livingston	95	58	79	5	0.07	-0.77	1	21.81	-5.33	80		205	33	135	33
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	94	61	80	3	1.23	-0.03	2	19.51	-8.88	69		213	22	143	22
Brewton AG	97	59	80	5	0.31	-0.98	2	20.35	-8.00	72	88	217	39	147	39
Thomasville	94	60	79	5	1.20	0.22	1	21.46	-5.96	78		209	32	139	33
Mobile Bates	95	64	80	3	1.78	0.55	1	13.79	-13.75	50		214	18	144	18
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	96	61	80	5	0.71	-0.22	3	19.41	-4.30	82		212	38	142	38
Troy Municipal	95	57	79	5	1.07	0.19	2	19.52	-4.88	80		205	32	135	32
Highland Home	92	56	76	1	1.05	0.01	1	21.37	-5.69	79		185	10	115	11
Geneva Ag	96	56	79	3	0.10	-0.98	1	19.71	-4.55	81	90	203	18	133	18
Headland	96	63	81	5	0.02	-1.09	2	14.09	-12.05	54	92	219	34	149	34
Dothan	97	63	81	6	0.00	-0.99	0	15.90	-9.60	62		221	39	151	39

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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