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Rainfall Hit and Miss; Tornado Reported in Escambia County

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 15, 2008.**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Silked	44	24	35	29
Corn Dough Stage	3	na	1	5
Cotton Planted	98	97	97	99
Cotton Squaring	12	5	19	19
Peanuts Planted	97	91	93	98
Peanuts Pegged	6	na	1	1
Soybeans Planted	73	67	86	75
Soybeans Emerged	64	57	71	62
Soybeans Blooming	2	na	2	1
Hay Harvested 1 st Cutting	91	83	na	na

na = not available

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Corn	4	10	25	54	7
Cotton	0	2	41	55	2
Peanut	0	2	47	49	2
Soybean	0	2	18	78	2
Livestock	0	7	26	54	13
Pasture & Range	4	10	30	49	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
District 10	6.6	2	12	84	2
District 20	6.4	0	15	85	0
District 30	4.2	7	7	68	18
District 40	6.0	1	34	65	0
District 50	5.4	1	20	78	1
District 60	6.0	4	42	54	0
State: Current Week	6.0	2	23	73	2
State: Previous Week	6.5	9	34	56	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Strong thunderstorms moved through Alabama during the past week, although total accumulations varied widely across the state and even within counties. Art Lynn, County Executive Director in the Escambia County FSA office, indicated that a tornado touched down around McCall, leaving trees down and causing other minor damage in the area. Ronnie Davis, County Executive Director in the Henry County FSA office, mentioned that rainfall totals ranged from 0.3 to 3.5 inches depending on location, but many areas of the county were still dry. With the

exception of Mobile, average temperatures were above normal during the past week. Daytime highs ranged from 91 degrees in Cullman to 100 degrees in Headland and Dothan. Overnight lows varied from 63 degrees in Belle Mina to 71 degrees in Dothan. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.03 inches in Tuscaloosa to 4.43 inches in Union Springs. Year-to-date precipitation totals were above normal in only six locations across the state. The weather station in Gadsden fell to 10.39 inches below normal for the year.

Small Grains: Wheat harvest pushed forward. Thomas D. Atkinson, County Executive Director in the Madison County FSA office, stated that all preliminary yield reports indicated a bountiful harvest. Donald E. Mann, County Executive Director in the Jackson County FSA office, noted that wheat harvest was in high gear, with yield running in the 70 to 90 bushels per acre range. Leonard Kuykendall, Regional Extension Agent located in Autauga County, reported that producers were nearly finished harvesting this year's wheat crop. Olin F. Farris, County Extension Coordinator for Escambia County, added that the wheat harvest was wrapping up, and timely rains created good soil moisture conditions to plant subsequent crops, most of which will be soybeans.

Corn/Cotton/Soybeans/Peanuts: The hot, dry weather during the beginning of the week stressed all growing crops. The rainfall during the latter part of the week helped to greatly improve conditions in many areas. Mr. Farris mentioned that some corn fields have suffered a yield loss because of dry weather during parts of this crop season. Most of the cotton and soybeans were reported in good to excellent condition during the past week. Mr. Lynn indicated that cotton stands in Escambia County suffered leaf damage due to hail. The state's peanut condition improved during the past week, as 51 percent of the crop was reported in good to excellent condition. Producers were busy irrigating crops, making herbicide applications to cotton, peanuts, and soybeans, and side-dressing cotton with nitrogen.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Pasture conditions declined again this week, but the majority remained in good to excellent condition. Henry Dorrough, Regional Extension Agent located in Talladega County, reported that rainfall has been hit or miss, and pastures were beginning to show signs of drought stress in most areas. Rudy Yates, Regional Extension Agent located in Marengo County, stated that producers were busy baling hay and wheat straw. Alabama's livestock condition remained steady, with most animals reported in good to excellent condition.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday, June 9, 2008 to Sunday, June 15, 2008

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 40% of Corn Ac., 32% of Cotton Ac., 41% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	95	66	80	5	0.46	-0.45	3	21.30	-5.24	80	86	211	29	141	29
Russellville	95	66	79	7	1.24	0.38	3	26.92	-1.90	93		205	47	135	47
Belle Mina	95	63	79	5	2.97	2.06	2	23.47	-4.22	85		204	31	134	31
Huntsville Ag	95	67	81	5	0.97	0.06	1	21.33	-7.53	74		216	37	146	37
Hamilton	93	64	78	6	0.76	-0.16	4	31.19	0.92	103		200	35	130	35
District 20: Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 5% of Cotton Ac., 28% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	94	69	80	5	0.00	-0.84	0	26.56	-1.33	95	81	213	28	143	28
Cullman Ag	91	64	78	4	0.76	-0.15	2	29.03	-1.11	96		197	28	127	28
Sand Mountain	92	66	78	6	0.10	-0.74	1	23.61	-4.82	83		199	37	129	37
Gadsden_AP	93	66	79	5	0.14	-0.70	3	18.67	-10.39	64		207	30	137	30
Bridgeport	94	65	78	6	1.24	0.33	4	26.27	-3.64	88		201	38	131	38
Guntersville	92	67	80	4	0.93	0.23	4	23.98	-3.52	87		212	29	142	29
District 30: North Central Alabama - 9% of Corn Ac., 4% of Cotton Ac., 6% of Soybean Ac., 71% of Peach Trees.															
Thorsby	95	67	80	5	3.78	2.81	5	28.25	-0.35	99	88	213	30	143	30
Talladega	94	66	79	4	0.20	-0.79	2	25.96	-3.74	87		204	27	134	27
Birmingham_AP	93	69	80	5	2.12	1.31	5	30.62	2.88	110		211	29	141	29
Alabaster	94	68	81	5	2.23	1.25	6	30.00	0.16	101		215	35	145	35
Pinson	94	67	79	5	0.64	-0.27	3	28.89	-0.34	99		204	34	134	34
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	96	66	79	4	0.48	-0.44	3	23.36	-5.48	81		206	28	136	28
Alexander_City	96	66	80	5	1.52	0.56	2	27.59	-1.53	95		213	34	143	33
Tuscaloosa_AP	96	67	81	4	0.03	-0.81	2	23.11	-5.08	82		219	26	149	25
Jasper	94	66	80	6	1.62	0.71	3	31.27	1.61	105		210	39	140	39
District 40: South Central Alabama - Black Belt 10% of Corn Ac., 12% of Cotton Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac., 21% of Pecan Trees.															
Union Springs	97	65	79	2	4.43	3.27	4	20.51	-6.93	75	88	206	13	136	13
Marion Junction	95	67	80	4	1.94	0.98	4	22.44	-5.34	81		221	31	151	31
Montgomery_AP	98	69	82	4	1.06	0.20	4	19.79	-6.98	74		225	26	155	26
Livingston	95	67	81	4	1.31	0.47	3	27.70	-0.84	97		218	26	148	26
District 50: SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 6% of Corn Ac., 20% of Cotton Ac., 11% of Soybean Ac., 32% of Peanut Ac., 51% of Pecan Trees.															
Bay Minette	93	70	80	1	1.42	0.13	5	28.59	-1.99	93	95	215	10	145	10
Brewton_AG	95	68	80	3	3.64	2.24	6	31.21	0.51	102		216	22	146	22
Thomasville	93	65	80	3	0.73	-0.20	5	22.95	-6.28	79		215	21	145	21
Mobile_Bates	92	68	80	-1	2.80	1.68	5	31.32	1.84	106		210	-1	140	-1
District 60: SE Alabama - Wiregrass 18% of Corn Ac., 27% of Cotton Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac., 64% of Peanut Ac., 23% of Pecan Trees.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	99	68	82	5	1.25	0.26	5	24.29	-1.69	93	91	226	34	156	34
Troy_Municipal	98	67	80	3	1.25	0.28	4	21.22	-4.80	82		212	22	142	22
Highland Home	95	64	79	2	0.57	-0.48	4	24.21	-4.63	84		202	10	132	10
Geneva_Ag	98	66	80	2	1.90	0.62	3	25.42	-0.96	96		216	17	146	17
Headland	100	70	82	4	0.95	-0.24	3	20.00	-8.13	71		229	29	159	29
Dothan	100	71	83	6	1.64	0.51	5	18.71	-8.66	68		233	36	163	36

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), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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