



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Peanut and Soybean Harvest Underway

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 7, 2008.**

### CROP PROGRESS

| Crop                     | This Week | Last Week | 2007 | 5-Yr Avg |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|
|                          | Percent   |           |      |          |
| Corn Mature              | 95        | 87        | 94   | 91       |
| Corn Harvested           | 41        | 30        | 48   | 45       |
| Cotton Setting Bolls     | 100       | 99        | 99   | 100      |
| Cotton Bolls Opening     | 53        | 44        | 54   | 46       |
| Cotton Harvested         | 0         | na        | 2    | 2        |
| Peanuts Dug              | 3         | na        | 1    | 3        |
| Soybeans Setting Pods    | 92        | 86        | 97   | 93       |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 36        | 26        | 59   | 40       |
| Soybeans Harvested       | 1         | na        | 6    | 3        |

na = not available

### CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

| Crop            | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Exc. |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|
|                 | Percent   |      |      |      |      |
| Corn            | 13        | 20   | 34   | 29   | 4    |
| Cotton          | 2         | 13   | 38   | 41   | 6    |
| Peanut          | 2         | 1    | 29   | 52   | 16   |
| Soybean         | 8         | 20   | 35   | 33   | 4    |
| Livestock       | 0         | 13   | 49   | 34   | 4    |
| Pasture & Range | 4         | 16   | 33   | 39   | 8    |

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

|                      | Days Suitable | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
|                      |               | Percent    |       |          |         |
| District 10          | 5.2           | 11         | 38    | 51       | 0       |
| District 20          | 6.7           | 0          | 28    | 72       | 0       |
| District 30          | 5.0           | 0          | 0     | 88       | 12      |
| District 40          | 6.3           | 0          | 3     | 91       | 6       |
| District 50          | 3.9           | 0          | 1     | 46       | 53      |
| District 60          | 5.8           | 0          | 2     | 63       | 35      |
| State: Current Week  | 5.6           | 3          | 16    | 64       | 17      |
| State: Previous Week | 3.4           | 1          | 8     | 52       | 39      |

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The excitement following two weeks of tropical weather died down, allowing producers ample time to push forward through this year's crop season. Crop damage following tropical storm Fay and hurricane Gustav was minimal. However, Bruce West, County Executive Director in the Mobile County FSA office, reported that approximately 25 percent of the county's pecan crop was lost following high winds from hurricane Gustav. Over 41 percent of the state was classified as drought free for the second week, according to the U.S. Drought

Monitor released for September 2, 2008. Temperatures during the past week varied from average in Union Springs and Mobile to as many as five degrees above average in Pinson. Daytime highs ranged from 87 degrees in Sand Mountain to 93 degrees in Brewton and Dothan. Overnight lows varied from 57 degrees in Belle Mina to a sultry 74 degrees in Bay Minette. With the exceptions of Cullman, Gadsden, and Pinson, all weather stations reported receiving some rainfall during the past week. Total accumulations ranged from 0.01 inches in Montgomery to 3.52 inches in Bay Minette. Other notable rainfall totals were 2.55 inches in Mobile, and 1.22 inches in Livingston.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** The state's corn harvest moved forward during the past week, following a week of slow activity. Leonard Kuykendall, Regional Extension Agent located in Autauga County, mentioned that wet soils kept farmers out of their fields until this past Monday when producers continued harvesting their corn crop, and began defoliation on some drought-stressed cotton. Doyle Barnes, County Executive Director in the Covington County FSA office, noted that the recent rainfall during the past week had cotton and peanuts poised to make a good crop with harvest in some producer's fields still ahead. The majority of Alabama's peanut crop remained in good to excellent condition, as harvest got underway. Some soybeans growers were busy making insecticide and herbicide applications to late-planted bean stands, while others spent time harvesting the first of the 2008 crop.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Danny S. Miller, County Extension Coordinator for DeKalb County, indicated that drought conditions still existed in much of the county, leaving many pastures in poor condition. Mr. Barnes noted that pastures and hayfields in Covington County looked especially good for this time of year. Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent located in Talladega County, stated that some producers in the region finished a third or fourth cutting of hay. Many DeKalb County ponds that were filled by the heavy rainfall associated with the recent rainfall were drying again, indicating that sub-soil moisture was still low. The state's livestock condition improved slightly during the past week, as cattle began to show the effects of many areas having a sufficient supply of forages to sustain them.

**ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for: Monday, September 1, 2008 to Sunday, September 7, 2008**

| Weather Station   | Air Temperatures |     |     |     | Precipitation |      |      | Precipitation since Jan 1 |        |          | Avg. 4"<br>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., 35% of Cotton Ac., 41% of Soybean Ac.                                    |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Muscle Shoals   | 91               | 66  | 77  | 0   | 2.92          | 2.12 | 3    | 27.97                     | -8.43  | 77       | 84                   | 192         | 2   | 122         | 4   |
| Russellville  | 91               | 66  | 76  | 3   | 3.37          | 2.56 | 3    | 37.27                     | -1.22  | 97       |                      | 190         | 18  | 120         | 19  |
| Belle Mina  | 91               | 62  | 77  | 1   | 2.84          | 2.06 | 3    | 31.56                     | -6.22  | 84       |                      | 193         | 10  | 123         | 13  |
| Huntsville Ag   | 91               | 66  | 78  | 2   | 3.22          | 2.40 | 3    | 28.16                     | -11.09 | 72       |                      | 199         | 12  | 129         | 13  |
| Hamilton  | 92               | 64  | 76  | 1   | 1.43          | 0.48 | 3    | 38.23                     | -2.72  | 93       |                      | 189         | 8   | 119         | 9   |
| District 20: Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 7% of Cotton Ac., 28% of Soybean Ac.                                |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Anniston AP   | 91               | 66  | 78  | 0   | 4.88          | 4.03 | 3    | 42.42                     | 4.26   | 111      | 78                   | 197         | 3   | 127         | 4   |
| Cullman Ag  | 89               | 63  | 75  | 0   | 3.13          | 2.23 | 3    | 41.23                     | 0.73   | 102      |                      | 179         | 2   | 109         | 3   |
| Sand Mountain   | 88               | 64  | 74  | -2  | 6.83          | 5.99 | 4    | 33.80                     | -4.55  | 88       |                      | 169         | -2  | 99          | -1  |
| Gadsden AP  | 91               | 64  | 77  | 0   | 5.77          | 5.04 | 3    | 28.61                     | -10.83 | 73       |                      | 189         | 1   | 119         | 2   |
| Bridgeport  | 90               | 63  | 75  | 0   | 3.52          | 2.64 | 5    | 37.26                     | -3.77  | 91       |                      | 179         | 4   | 109         | 6   |
| Guntersville  | 91               | 66  | 77  | 0   | 3.61          | 2.86 | 4    | 32.31                     | -4.76  | 87       | 195                  | 3           | 125 | 4           |     |
| District 30: North Central Alabama - 8% of Corn Ac., 4% of Cotton Ac., 6% of Soybean Ac., 71% of Peach Trees.                               |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Thorsby   | 91               | 68  | 79  | 3   | 3.62          | 2.69 | 3    | 44.01                     | 3.88   | 110      | 83                   | 209         | 21  | 139         | 22  |
| Talladega   | 91               | 65  | 77  | 2   | 3.73          | 2.85 | 4    | 39.33                     | -1.35  | 97       |                      | 197         | 11  | 127         | 12  |
| Birmingham AP   | 92               | 69  | 79  | 2   | 4.00          | 3.20 | 3    | 43.57                     | 5.06   | 113      |                      | 205         | 12  | 135         | 13  |
| Alabaster   | 91               | 69  | 78  | 1   | 6.25          | 5.41 | 4    | 45.14                     | 3.95   | 110      |                      | 199         | 9   | 129         | 10  |
| Pinson  | 90               | 65  | 77  | 1   | 3.94          | 3.09 | 3    | 41.82                     | 1.99   | 105      |                      | 189         | 7   | 119         | 8   |
| Opelika_Wtr_Plt   | 89               | 65  | 78  | 1   | 2.35          | 1.49 | 3    | 36.39                     | -4.74  | 88       |                      | 196         | 7   | 126         | 7   |
| Alexander_City  | 91               | 67  | 78  | 2   | 3.06          | 2.15 | 3    | 40.26                     | -0.73  | 98       |                      | 197         | 8   | 127         | 9   |
| Tuscaloosa AP   | 93               | 69  | 79  | 1   | 1.56          | 0.79 | 3    | 31.63                     | -7.85  | 80       |                      | 208         | 4   | 138         | 4   |
| Jasper  | 91               | 66  | 77  | 1   | 2.32          | 1.54 | 2    | 42.63                     | 2.28   | 106      |                      | 191         | 7   | 121         | 10  |
| District 40: South Central Alabama - Black Belt 10% of Corn Ac., 8% of Cotton Ac., 5% of Peanut Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac., 21% of Pecan Trees. |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Union Springs   | 89               | 63  | 76  | -4  | 2.11          | 1.20 | 2    | 37.56                     | -2.23  | 94       | 83                   | 191         | -10 | 121         | -9  |
| Marion Junction   | 91               | 70  | 79  | 1   | 2.89          | 2.08 | 2    | 35.45                     | -3.10  | 92       |                      | 203         | 7   | 133         | 7   |
| Montgomery AP   | 94               | 70  | 81  | 2   | 2.32          | 1.45 | 5    | 38.46                     | 0.72   | 102      |                      | 218         | 8   | 148         | 8   |
| Livingston  | 92               | 68  | 78  | -1  | 1.94          | 1.24 | 3    | 40.73                     | 0.40   | 101      |                      | 200         | 2   | 130         | 3   |
| District 50: SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 6% of Corn Ac., 15% of Cotton Ac., 30% of Peanut Ac., 11% of Soybean Ac., 51% of Pecan Trees.       |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Bay Minette   | 93               | 72  | 81  | 2   | 2.31          | 0.91 | 2    | 47.69                     | -0.28  | 99       | 82                   | 225         | 15  | 155         | 15  |
| Brewton AG  | 92               | 68  | 80  | 1   | 2.62          | 1.36 | 2    | 54.85                     | 7.70   | 116      |                      | 210         | 9   | 140         | 9   |
| Thomasville   | 90               | 69  | 78  | -2  | 2.86          | 1.99 | 3    | 40.15                     | -1.56  | 96       |                      | 196         | -7  | 126         | -7  |
| Mobile_Bates  | 93               | 70  | 80  | -1  | 6.23          | 4.69 | 3    | 53.92                     | 8.00   | 117      |                      | 215         | -2  | 145         | -2  |
| District 60: SE Alabama - Wiregrass 18% of Corn Ac., 31% of Cotton Ac., 64% of Peanut Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac., 23% of Pecan Trees.           |                  |     |     |     |               |      |      |                           |        |          |                      |             |     |             |     |
| Eufaula_Wildlife  | 92               | 68  | 79  | 1   | 3.20          | 2.36 | 2    | 43.23                     | 5.86   | 116      | 87                   | 212         | 9   | 142         | 9   |
| Troy_Municipal  | 93               | 68  | 80  | 2   | 2.54          | 1.72 | 2    | 36.49                     | -1.64  | 96       |                      | 209         | 9   | 139         | 9   |
| Highland Home   | 92               | 65  | 78  | -1  | 4.34          | 3.36 | 2    | 42.22                     | 1.81   | 104      |                      | 195         | -2  | 125         | -2  |
| Geneva_Ag   | 93               | 66  | 80  | -1  | 1.65          | 0.53 | 3    | 39.77                     | -2.10  | 95       |                      | 216         | 9   | 146         | 9   |
| Headland  | 92               | 69  | 80  | 1   | 2.88          | 1.94 | 3    | 38.18                     | -3.09  | 93       |                      | 217         | 14  | 147         | 14  |
| Dothan  | 92               | 68  | 81  | 3   | 1.63          | 0.76 | 3    | 32.89                     | -7.14  | 82       |                      | 215         | 12  | 145         | 12  |

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

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