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## Cotton Harvest Well Underway in Northern Alabama

### CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, September 10, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Percent	
			2005	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Mature	94	87	92	91
Corn Harvested	64	46	35	43
Cotton Bolls Opening	68	49	49	49
Cotton Harvested	8	n/a	0	0
Soybeans Setting Pods	96	92	95	95
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	47	35	46	34
Peanuts Pegged	91	84	99	100
Peanuts Dug	1	n/a	7	7
Peanuts Combined	0	n/a	0	3

### CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, September 8, 2006

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	53	28	15	4	0
Cotton	38	35	19	8	0
Soybeans	42	40	15	3	0
Peanuts	4	31	43	21	1
Pasture	34	31	25	8	2
Livestock	10	36	40	14	0

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	7.0	52	42	6	0
District 20	6.8	76	16	8	0
District 30	6.8	40	52	8	0
District 40	6.8	54	30	16	0
District 50	6.1	13	17	53	17
District 60	6.7	19	46	35	0
State: Current Week	6.8	43	37	19	1
State: Previous Week	6.5	39	41	19	1

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** Small grain seed bed preparation has begun in areas of the state. John S. Pulliam stated that Macon County crops seem to be back on track after the latest rains that were received, while Willie E. Datcher mentioned that some farmers in Greene County are still suffering from the drought. Rainfall slacked off during the past week, as only isolated areas received moisture. The biggest showers were received in the Wiregrass region of the state, with Headland totaling 2.27 inches of rain.

Alabama temperatures cooled off considerably over the past week. Northern parts of the state reached highs into only the upper 80's. While cooler, temperatures throughout the majority of the state remained slightly above average. Daytime highs ranged from the upper 80's across northern parts of the state to the mid 90's through many central and southern areas. Overnight lows varied from the upper 50's in the north into the mid 60's in areas of southeastern Alabama.

**Cotton/Corn:** Cotton harvest has begun in north-western and south-eastern parts of the state. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent noted that cotton defoliation started last week as some producers plan on beginning harvest this coming week. Donald Mann in the Jackson County FSA office reported that corn is being harvested in the county. Yields are varied, but most are averaging in the 50 bushels per acre range. Cindy Owens in the Fayette County FSA office added that corn harvest in the county is well underway. Yields are ranging from 25 to 60 bushels per acre with an average of 35 to 40 bushels per acre.

**Peanuts/Soybeans:** Producers have begun to dig peanuts in Districts 40, 50 and 60. The majority of the crop remains in poor to fair condition, but slight improvements are being seen in various counties as more rain falls. Most of the states soybean crop lingers in very poor or poor condition. Some soybean harvest in the northern part of the state is being done. Mr. Mann reported that yields in Jackson County are on the low side and running anywhere from 7 to 15 bushels per acre.

**Vegetables:** Doug Chapman, Regional Extension Horticulturist indicated that recent rains have helped local growers in north-western Alabama get fall vegetables planted. Strawberry growers are counting on enough moisture remaining in the soil as they prepare planting beds during the next few weeks. Chip East, Regional Extension Horticulturist stated that the lack of continued rainfall in eastern Alabama is a problem for many producers. Farmers markets are slowing down and farmers are readying for fall planting.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Mike Henshaw, Winston County Extension Agent mentioned that armyworms are causing problems on late hay cuttings, as many producers are concerned about having enough hay put aside for winter feedings. Mr. Mann noted that pasture conditions in Jackson County are terrible, and most producers are currently feeding their winter hay supplies. Fayette County pastures and hay fields that have received rainfall are beginning to show signs of improvement, though further hay production still remains questionable.

**ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday, September 4, 2006 To Sunday, September 10, 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	DF	Total	DFN
<i>District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 25% of Corn Acreage, 32% of Cotton Acreage, 41% of Soybean Acreage.</i>															
Muscle Shoals	88	59	75	-1	0.53	-0.43	1	33.47	-4.15	89		177	-1	107	1
Russellville	89	61	76	3	0.12	-0.84	1	28.56	-11.15	72		184	23	114	26
Belle Mina	92	57	75	1	0.00	-0.84	0	26.06	-12.80	67	81	179	8	109	11
Huntsville Ag	89	60	76	2	0.00	-0.97	0	26.41	-14.07	65		184	10	114	12
Hamilton	94	57	75	1	0.00	-1.08	0	27.72	-14.60	66		181	11	111	15
<i>District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.</i>															
Anniston AP	91	62	76	1	0.00	-0.91	0	30.32	-9.00	77		187	5	117	5
Cullman Ag	91	57	75	2	0.01	-1.13	1	32.78	-8.95	79	77	175	10	105	11
Sand Mountain	90	54	73	0	1.69	0.63	1	28.04	-11.04	72	76	164	5	94	7
Gadsden AP	91	59	76	1	0.01	-0.83	1	26.16	-14.34	65		182	6	112	8
Bridgeport	86	57	73	0	0.06	-0.92	2	33.04	-9.02	79		168	6	98	9
Guntersville	87	63	75	-1	0.06	-0.90	3	27.70	-10.16	73		185	5	115	6
<i>District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.</i>															
Thorsby	91	64	78	3	0.00	-0.98	0	26.94	-14.45	65	82	197	18	127	19
Talladega	92	60	76	0	0.00	-0.98	0	29.50	-12.21	71		181	5	111	6
Birmingham AP	92	63	78	2	0.59	-0.35	2	42.07	2.36	106		195	15	125	16
Alabaster	91	62	77	2	0.07	-0.86	2	33.17	-9.21	78		193	13	123	14
Pinson	91	61	76	3	0.03	-0.96	1	30.39	-10.69	74		192	21	122	25
Opelika Wtr Plt	91	63	76	0	0.08	-0.85	1	31.13	-11.19	74		190	10	120	11
Alexander City	92	60	76	1	0.25	-0.69	2	29.43	-12.76	70		183	4	113	5
Tuscaloosa AP	94	59	78	1	0.13	-0.64	1	27.59	-12.88	68		199	5	129	6
Jasper	88	59	74	0	0.10	-0.79	1	36.60	-4.89	88		175	4	105	7
<i>District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 9% of Corn Acreage, 12% of Cotton Acreage, 13% of Soybeans Acreage, 21% of Pecan Trees.</i>															
Union Springs	92	66	77	-1	0.03	-0.88	2	25.45	-15.51	62		194	2	124	2
Marion Junction	92	63	78	2	0.00	-0.84	0	22.17	-17.46	56	84	202	16	132	16
Montgomery AP	94	65	79	0	0.00	-1.00	0	26.76	-12.25	69		204	2	134	2
Livingston	95	62	77	1	0.00	-0.72	0	29.04	-12.21	70		196	9	126	10
<i>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.</i>															
Bay Minette	91	66	79	0	0.21	-1.19	3	33.80	-15.97	68		206	3	136	3
Brewton AG	92	64	78	0	0.61	-0.56	2	35.77	-12.89	74	83	197	4	127	4
Thomasville	92	62	77	-1	0.08	-0.83	1	30.97	-11.68	73		192	-1	122	-1
Mobile Bates	91	67	80	0	0.03	-1.51	2	27.62	-20.29	58		207	-1	137	-2
<i>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.</i>															
Eufaula Wildlife	92	66	77	-1	1.46	0.62	5	33.87	-4.00	89		197	3	127	3
Troy Municipal	93	65	78	0	0.01	-0.83	1	26.04	-13.17	66		194	1	124	1
Highland Home	91	61	74	-4	0.12	-0.93	2	32.95	-8.79	79		174	-17	104	-17
Geneva Ag	93	65	77	-3	0.20	-0.85	1	32.11	-11.12	74	85	193	-8	123	-8
Headland	92	67	78	0	2.27	1.36	3	24.85	-17.59	59	91	198	1	128	1
Dothan	93	67	79	1	0.46	-0.46	3	29.30	-11.92	71		202	7	132	7

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) , 2006 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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