



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crop Conditions Show Improvement; Harvest Pushes Forward

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 14, 2008.**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2007	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn Mature	98	95	98	97
Corn Harvested	52	41	65	61
Cotton Bolls Opening	61	53	68	63
Cotton Harvested	1	0	4	4
Peanuts Dug	6	3	3	9
Peanuts Combined	2	na	1	4
Soybeans Setting Pods	96	92	99	98
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	43	36	67	51
Soybeans Harvested	3	1	10	7

na = not available

### CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	3	12	38	41	6
Peanut	2	1	26	54	17
Soybean	8	18	34	35	5
Livestock	0	13	47	36	4
Pasture & Range	4	15	32	40	9

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.2	14	36	50	0
District 20	5.1	0	34	76	0
District 30	3.0	0	0	91	9
District 40	6.5	0	5	93	2
District 50	4.8	0	0	50	50
District 60	6.1	0	10	89	1
State: Current Week	5.5	4	19	70	7
State: Previous Week	5.6	3	16	64	17

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The amount of topsoil moisture available in some places declined during the past week despite the beneficial rainfall brought by afternoon thunderstorms that popped up in several locations across the state. Over 41 percent of the state continued to remain drought free, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor released for September 9, 2008. Temperatures across the state varied from the mid-seventies to the mid-eighties during the past week, and were well above normal at all reporting weather stations. Daytime highs ranged from 89 degrees in Sand Mountain, Bridgeport, and Union Springs to 95 degrees in

Bay Minette, Geneva, and Dothan. Overnight lows varied between 57 degrees in Belle Mina and 72 degrees in Bay Minette, Mobile, and Dothan. The majority of weather stations reported receiving some precipitation during the past week. Total accumulations ranged from 0.01 inches Birmingham to 2.92 inches in Thorsby. Other locations receiving notable rainfall were Hamilton with 1.36 inches, Talladega with 1.98 inches, Montgomery with 1.16 inches, Bay Minette with 1.92 inches, and Brewton with 1.60 inches.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans:** Leonard Kuykendall, Regional Extension Agent located in Autauga County, reported that corn for grain yields across the region varied from poor to very good. James D. Jones, Jr., County Extension Coordinator for Henry County, indicated that corn for grain yields in the county were approximately 30 bushels per acre in some non-irrigated fields. Richard Petcher, Regional Extension Agent located in Washington County, mentioned that some cotton in the area was harvested during the past week. Producers in most areas were busy applying defoliant with hopes of harvesting their crops within the next couple of weeks. Jim Todd, County Executive Director in the Mobile County FSA office, reported that some producers expected a slight loss during harvest because of tangled cotton plants. Soils in the peanut belt had dried out considerably following the recent wet weather. Kris Balkcom, Peanut Specialist at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center, stated that growers in the area hoped for a rain shower or two to push the late-planted peanuts to maturity, and soften the soil so that digging would be easier. Harvest was underway, but most producers were approximately ten days away from being in full swing. Mr. Kuykendall added that producers sprayed some peanut fields in the Autauga County area with fungicides. The state's soybean condition improved somewhat following the recent rainfall received. Alex Brand, County Executive Director in the Wilcox County FSA office, noted that soybean producers made insecticide applications to control worms.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** Overall, pastures across Alabama showed some improvement during the past week. However, Mr. Jones stated that pastures and hay fields in Henry County needed some rain. T.H. Gregg, Regional Extension Agent located in Etowah County, mentioned that some producers in the area were busy harvesting a third cutting of hay. Livestock in Alabama continued to show signs of improvement, as pasture grasses continued to provide adequate forage.

## ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for: Monday, September 8, 2008 to Sunday, September 14, 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., 35% of Cotton Ac., 41% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	92	63	79	6	0.00	-0.98	0	28.61	-9.71	75	81	206	38	136	39
Russellville	92	59	78	7	0.00	-1.01	0	37.99	-2.45	94		204	52	134	53
Belle Mina	93	57	77	5	0.00	-0.89	0	31.80	-7.71	80		197	36	127	37
Huntsville Ag	92	64	80	7	0.03	-0.95	1	28.51	-12.67	69		209	45	139	46
Hamilton	93	58	77	5	1.36	0.24	2	40.29	-2.83	93		191	30	121	33
District 20: Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 7% of Cotton Ac., 28% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	92	66	80	6	0.56	-0.30	4	43.03	3.11	108	78	210	36	140	37
Cullman Ag	90	63	77	5	0.21	-1.01	3	41.44	-1.38	97		191	33	121	34
Sand Mountain	89	63	76	6	0.95	-0.17	1	34.79	-5.70	86		188	37	118	38
Gadsden_AP	91	63	79	6	0.76	-0.08	2	29.37	-11.73	71		203	36	133	38
Bridgeport	89	61	76	5	0.10	-0.92	1	37.43	-5.59	87		185	33	115	34
Guntersville	91	69	79	5	0.06	-0.97	3	32.55	-6.48	83		202	30	132	31
District 30: North Central Alabama - 8% of Corn Ac., 4% of Cotton Ac., 6% of Soybean Ac., 71% of Peach Trees.															
Thorsby	91	68	81	7	2.92	1.94	3	47.12	5.03	112	85	218	47	148	47
Talladega	90	63	78	5	1.98	1.00	4	41.37	-1.26	97		201	34	131	34
Birmingham_AP	91	67	81	7	0.01	-0.97	1	43.62	3.21	108		215	43	145	43
Alabaster	92	68	81	7	0.49	-0.49	2	46.39	3.31	108		218	45	148	46
Pinson	92	63	79	7	0.31	-0.73	1	42.13	0.30	101		205	44	135	47
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	90	66	79	5	0.53	-0.45	2	37.00	-6.02	86		208	35	138	36
Alexander_City	90	65	79	5	0.42	-0.55	3	40.73	-2.15	95		206	34	136	35
Tuscaloosa_AP	93	65	81	5	0.02	-0.75	1	31.91	-9.11	78		221	35	151	36
Jasper	92	61	78	6	0.79	-0.12	3	44.21	2.08	105		202	41	132	42
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	66	79	3	0.54	-0.37	1	38.32	-3.29	92	85	208	23	138	23
Marion Junction	92	67	80	6	0.13	-0.71	2	35.69	-4.54	89		219	40	149	41
Montgomery_AP	93	70	82	5	1.16	0.11	2	39.63	-0.13	100		225	30	155	30
Livingston	91	65	80	5	0.20	-0.57	2	42.15	0.35	101		211	32	141	32
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	95	72	84	7	1.92	0.56	3	53.13	2.40	105	85	243	45	173	45
Brewton_AG	94	68	81	5	1.60	0.50	3	56.93	7.49	115		217	31	147	32
Thomasville	90	68	80	4	0.08	-0.83	2	40.53	-3.00	93		212	26	142	26
Mobile_Bates	92	72	83	4	0.03	-1.47	1	56.50	7.53	115		230	29	160	27
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	94	69	81	6	0.46	-0.38	4	43.86	4.81	112	91	223	37	153	37
Troy_Municipal	92	69	82	6	0.00	-0.84	0	36.64	-3.17	92		224	37	154	37
Highland Home	92	65	80	4	0.97	-0.03	4	43.45	1.01	102		210	25	140	26
Geneva_Ag	95	70	83	6	0.00	-1.00	0	39.86	-4.07	91		233	39	163	38
Headland	92	71	82	6	0.92	0.02	2	39.30	-3.78	91		225	35	155	35
Dothan	95	72	83	6	0.13	-0.79	1	33.08	-8.78	79		233	44	163	44

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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