



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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## Crop Harvesting Continues Across Alabama

### CROP PROGRESS

Sunday, September 17, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Percent	
			2005	5-Yr Avg.
Corn Mature	97	94	97	96
Corn Harvested	76	64	62	60
Cotton Bolls Opening	80	68	68	66
Cotton Harvested	16	8	1	2
Soybeans Setting Pods	98	96	99	99
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	60	47	54	46
Soybeans Harvested	10	n/a	12	6
Peanuts Pegged	97	95	100	100
Peanuts Dug	1	1	22	19
Peanuts Combined	0	0	10	10

### CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Friday, September 15, 2006

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	34	37	20	8	1
Soybeans	44	37	16	3	0
Peanuts	2	31	42	24	1
Pasture	35	31	27	6	1
Livestock	10	36	35	16	3

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.6	55	25	19	1
District 20	5.5	74	17	9	0
District 30	5.0	13	38	49	0
District 40	5.6	16	55	29	0
District 50	6.4	14	19	53	14
District 60	6.8	15	60	25	0
State: Current Week	5.8	34	39	26	1
State: Previous Week	6.8	43	37	19	1

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** A week of cooler temperatures combined with some much needed rainfall has slightly improved Alabama soil conditions, while hindering crop harvest. Crop harvest is progressing faster than normal in many places because of poor crop conditions. Rainfall accumulations were totaled at all reporting weather stations during the past week. The Headland weather station received the least amount of rain with totals reaching only 0.04 inches over a two day period. The Alabaster

station received the most rainfall totaling 4.92 inches in one day. The majority of the state experienced below average temperatures, with the area around Highland Home as many as 4 degrees below normal for this time of year. Daytime highs varied from the mid 80's around Sand Mountain to the mid 90's near Hamilton. Overnight lows ranged from the low 50's in Hamilton into the mid 60's near Headland.

**Cotton/Corn:** Tim Reed, Franklin County Extension Agent reported rains that fell across the county hurt cotton with open bolls and hindered corn harvest. Less than 20 percent of Franklin County cotton fields have been defoliated. Farmers are hoping to start picking late next week if rains hold off. So far, yields in Lawrence County have been poor. One producer was only able to harvest 20 bales of cotton from a 51 acre field. Donald E. Mann in the Jackson County FSA office noted that producers have defoliated cotton, and harvest is expected to begin next week. Leonard Kuykendall, Autauga County Extension Agent mentioned that a couple of producers have harvested some very short fields of cotton. William Birdsong, Extension Specialist at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center stated that harvested cotton fields in the area have only produced an average of 200 to 300 pounds per acre. Mr. Reed also indicated that corn yields in Franklin County are running from less than 20 to 100 bushels per acre.

**Peanuts/Soybeans:** Peanut harvest began in some areas last week. The crop has improved slightly, as more rain is received throughout the major peanut growing areas of the state. Soybean harvest is underway across the state. The majority of the crop is reported to be lingering in very poor or poor condition. Mr. Reed stated that rainfall that occurred in Franklin County on Tuesday will help some of the later planted soybeans, but the average bean yield is expected to be less than 25 bushels per acre.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** The window for emergency grazing of CRP acres has been extended to November 30, two months past the traditional emergency grazing deadline. Pastures and hay fields throughout Alabama are benefitting from the recent rain showers. Mr. Reed reported that the nearly 2 inches of rain that fell in Franklin County on September 12 has perked up pastures. Stan Roark, Randolph County Extension Agent mentioned that the county received a good rain averaging 2 to 4 inches that will improve the condition of fall grasses. Livestock condition has improved as more animals are being reported in good to excellent condition as they have more nutrition available in recovering pastures.

**ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather For the Period: Monday, September 11, 2006 To Sunday, September 17, 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	90	54	72	-2	0.45	-0.53	2	33.92	-4.68	88		158	-6	88	-5
Russellville	92	54	71	-1	1.20	0.17	2	29.76	-10.98	73		152	4	82	4
Belle Mina	92	53	72	-2	0.77	-0.13	1	26.83	-12.93	67	79	155	-1	85	-1
Huntsville Ag	90	55	73	0	0.94	-0.04	1	27.35	-14.11	66		160	0	90	1
Hamilton	95	51	71	-2	2.01	0.89	2	29.73	-13.71	68		155	-1	85	0
<i>District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 22% of Corn Acreage, 5% of Cotton Acreage, 23% of Soybean Acreage.</i>															
Anniston AP	88	56	73	-2	1.82	0.98	1	32.14	-8.02	80		163	-7	93	-6
Cullman Ag	89	54	70	-2	1.46	0.22	2	34.24	-8.73	80	75	148	-6	78	-5
Sand Mountain	85	54	70	-2	0.91	-0.21	2	28.95	-11.25	72		143	-4	73	-3
Gadsden AP	90	54	72	-2	0.54	-0.30	1	26.70	-14.64	65		154	-9	84	-7
Bridgeport	88	52	70	-2	0.57	-0.47	2	33.61	-9.49	78		144	-4	74	-3
Guntersville	89	55	73	-2	0.74	-0.31	2	28.44	-10.47	73		169	1	99	2
<i>District 30 North Central Alabama - 10% of Corn Acreage, 4% of Cotton Acreage, 6% of Soybean Acreage, 71% of Peach Trees.</i>															
Thorsby	89	60	75	1	2.38	1.40	1	29.32	-13.05	69	79	176	9	106	9
Talladega	88	54	72	-2	1.20	0.22	1	30.70	-11.99	72		157	-7	87	-7
Birmingham AP	90	57	75	1	1.05	0.07	1	43.12	2.43	106		175	6	105	6
Alabaster	91	58	74	0	4.92	3.96	1	38.09	-5.25	88		172	2	102	3
Pinson	91	53	73	1	0.60	-0.45	1	30.99	-11.14	74		171	15	101	16
Opelika Wtr Plt	86	55	73	-2	0.83	-0.14	1	31.96	-11.33	74		175	5	105	6
Alexander City	88	56	73	-2	2.45	1.50	1	31.88	-11.26	74		165	-3	95	-2
Tuscaloosa AP	92	56	74	-2	0.80	0.03	3	28.39	-12.85	69		171	-11	101	-10
Jasper	91	54	71	-2	2.30	1.37	2	38.90	-3.52	92		154	-3	84	-2
<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	91	57	76	0	0.64	-0.27	2	26.09	-15.78	62		190	9	120	9
Marion Junction	92	57	75	0	0.90	0.06	2	23.07	-17.40	57	81	179	4	109	5
Montgomery AP	91	58	76	-2	2.43	1.40	1	29.19	-10.85	73		187	-5	117	-5
Livingston	93	56	75	0	1.10	0.33	2	30.14	-11.88	72		176	0	106	1
<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	89	62	77	-1	1.64	0.31	3	35.44	-15.66	69		194	0	124	0
Brewton AG	89	55	76	0	0.56	-0.52	3	36.33	-13.41	73	79	183	1	113	2
Thomasville	90	59	75	-1	0.66	-0.25	3	31.63	-11.93	73		181	-2	111	-2
Mobile Bates	91	63	78	0	1.13	-0.33	2	28.75	-20.62	58		201	2	131	1
<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	89	61	76	0	1.06	0.22	3	34.93	-3.78	90		188	5	118	5
Troy Municipal	90	55	76	0	0.21	-0.63	1	26.25	-13.80	66		185	0	115	0
Highland Home	88	53	73	-4	0.25	-0.73	1	33.20	-9.52	78		163	-18	93	-17
Geneva Ag	90	58	76	-2	0.31	-0.66	1	32.42	-11.78	73	86	186	-6	116	-7
Headland	90	65	78	2	0.04	-0.84	2	24.89	-18.43	57	89	197	11	127	11
Dothan	90	62	78	2	0.08	-0.83	2	29.38	-12.75	70		195	9	125	9

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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