



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 31, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.54 inches of rain up to 3.15 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Crops are looking much better. The rain we have been getting is really going to help the soybean crop. Pastures are greening up and some hay fields might grow enough to get another cutting.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Small improvement in pastures in lower portion of the county as some rainfall has been received. Northern part of county is still in extreme drought. Crops are in distress from both the drought and the extreme heat.

Beverly Noles, DeKalb County

Many of the areas that have received the rain are now dealing with fall armyworm damage in soybeans and forages.

Zachary Burns, Marshall County

More frequent scattered showers have brought most fields some rainfall this past week helping cotton, soybeans, and peanuts. Corn harvest began this week on the earliest planted fields.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Harvesting should begin as early as the first week in September for cotton and peanuts for some of our producers.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Drier weather conditions enabled hay producers to cut, roll, and bale more hay last week.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/31/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	72	61	22	18
Corn - Harvested	0	0	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	95	92	96	90
Cotton - Setting Bolls	82	66	84	69
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	70	64	88	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	76	63	82	76
Soybeans - Blooming.....	91	70	83	70
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	60	42	58	40

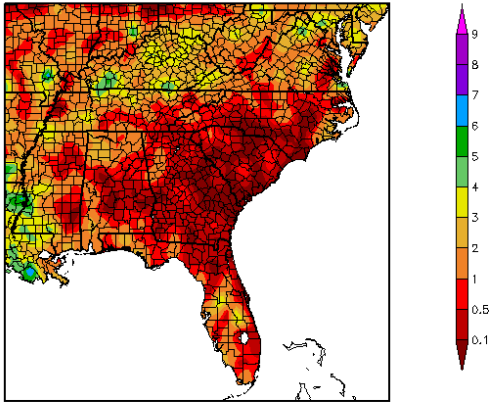
Conditions for Week Ending 07/31/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	5	19	68	6
Corn	12	19	35	33	1
Cotton.....	1	5	46	42	6
Pasture and range	8	18	32	37	5
Peanuts	0	0	55	39	6
Soybeans	1	13	36	44	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/31/16

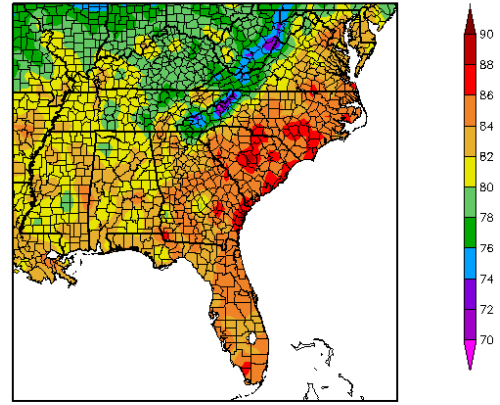
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	17	17	7
Short.....	33	33	28
Adequate	48	48	56
Surplus	2	2	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	15	15	NA
Short.....	38	36	NA
Adequate	45	47	NA
Surplus	2	2	NA

Precipitation (in)
7/25/2016 - 7/31/2016



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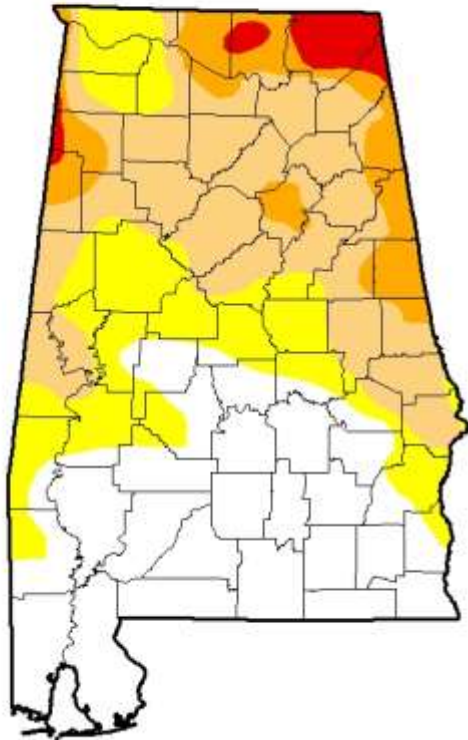
Temperature (F)
7/25/2016 - 7/31/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D3-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.09	61.91	40.31	11.95	2.78	0.00
Last Week 7/19/2016	37.02	62.98	41.53	14.59	2.72	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/26/2016	91.12	8.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/26/2015	37.12	62.88	4.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 7/26/2015	59.90	40.10	9.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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