



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



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and Alabama Cooperative Extension System
Southern Region, Alabama Field Office · 4121 Carmichael Road · Montgomery, AL 36106 · (334) 279-3555
www.nass.usda.gov

August 15, 2016

Media Contact: Cynthia Price

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 14, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.4 to 2.38 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid to high 70s.

County Comments

Cotton, the crop I thought stood a better chance of prevailing through our drought conditions, actually looks worse than the grain.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Cattle are suffering from heat conditions some. The county has received scattered rain with areas receiving rain seeing some improvement and some areas not receiving enough or any to help with drought conditions.

Shane Seay, Limestone County

County received showers all week. Has definitely helped the pastures, hay land, cotton, and soybean crops. Hay cutting has stopped due to constant showers each day. Any hay on the ground last week has rotted.

Cindy Owens, Fayette County

A storm in the Gulf brought relatively cooler temperatures and light rain to the region. Army worms and chinch bugs are becoming more widespread forcing farmers to treat pastures and hayfields multiple times to save grazing and hay production.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Rain has been scattered within the county. Rainfall has delayed hay cuttings and spraying crops.

Donna Senn, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/14/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	91	80	59	45
Corn - Harvested	11	8	7	8
Cotton - Setting Bolls	91	88	94	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	8	1	12	5
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	79	75	93	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	96	86	89	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	82	72	76	61
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	1	NA	9	3

Conditions for Week Ending 08/14/16

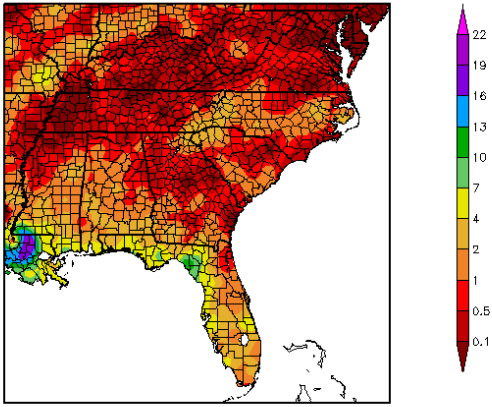
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	6	20	68	3
Corn.....	14	20	34	30	2
Cotton.....	2	5	43	42	8
Pasture and range	10	13	30	43	4
Peanuts	0	0	53	41	6
Soybeans	1	12	35	44	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/14/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	14	12	5
Short.....	30	38	23
Adequate.....	53	48	61
Surplus.....	3	2	11

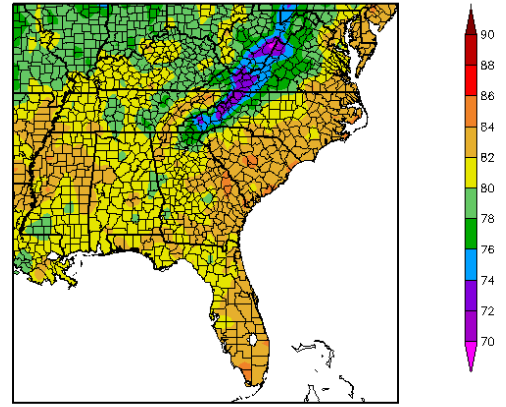
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	15	13	NA
Short.....	33	41	NA
Adequate.....	49	44	NA
Surplus.....	3	2	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/8/2016 - 8/14/2016



Generated 8/15/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.
www.hprcc.unl.edu/

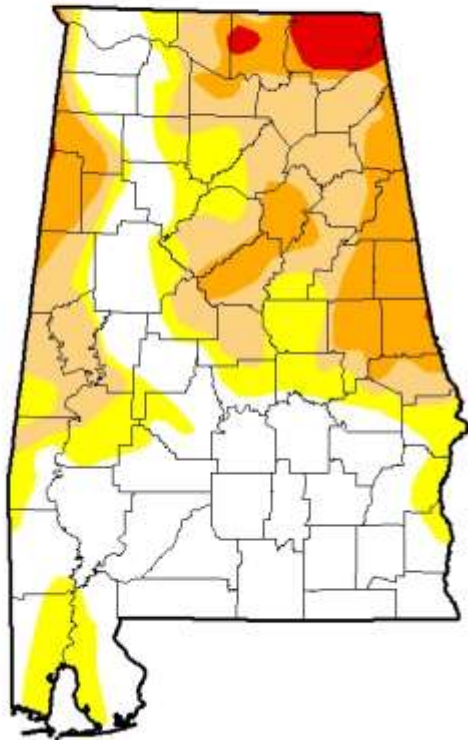
Temperature (F)
8/8/2016 - 8/14/2016



Regional Climate Centers Generated 8/15/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.
www.hprcc.unl.edu/

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 9, 2016
(Released Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D3-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.05	55.95	37.21	16.16	2.29	0.00
Last Week 8/02/2016	32.44	67.56	40.76	18.33	2.90	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/10/2016	78.89	21.11	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/01/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/01/2015	37.12	62.88	4.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/09/2015	41.15	58.85	18.85	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity

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

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

Author:
Richard Tinker
CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>