



**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 22, 2016

Media Contact: Cynthia Price

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 21, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.21 inches of rain up to 2.27 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to mid 70s.

County Comments

Rain Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Too late to improve on any of the row crops, except maybe soybeans. Pastures are beginning to come back out. I don't know if we have enough time left in the growing season to get another cutting of hay.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Scattered, numerous showers this week again brought some rain to most areas. Corn slowed by high moisture levels. Bolls opening on cotton.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

All crops are in good condition. Some corn is being harvested this week.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Haven't seen any blooms on the cotton yet. No peanut digging either, but it might be a tad early. It's hard to cut hay and receive enough dry down days. Folks with wrapping machines are happy this year since they can bale and wrap hay with less drying. Depending on herd size many folks have more grass than their herd can eat and some forage being wasted. Wish we could hit a happy medium.

Charles Simon, Covington County

Loopers have exploded in soybeans and stink bugs continue to be a problem. Rain has been spotty.

Don Moore, Autauga County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/21/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	95	91	76	60
Corn - Harvested	18	11	13	14
Cotton - Setting Bolls	97	91	95	91
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	16	8	19	9
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	84	79	95	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	95	82	85	72
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	14	1	17	7

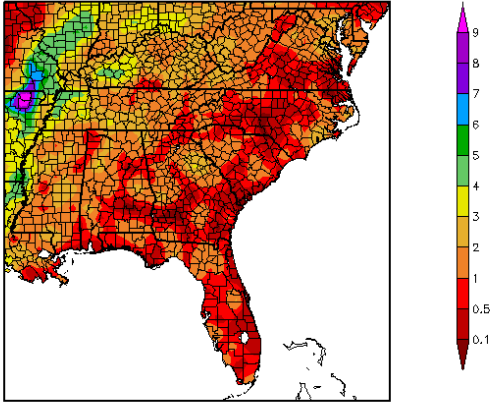
Conditions for Week Ending 08/21/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	6	19	68	4
Corn	14	20	34	30	2
Cotton.....	2	5	42	43	8
Pasture and range	10	10	29	46	5
Peanuts	0	0	52	42	6
Soybeans	0	11	35	45	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/21/16

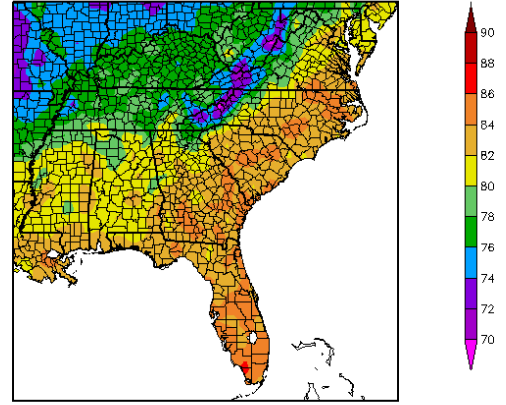
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	14	6
Short.....	27	30	26
Adequate	64	53	59
Surplus	3	3	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	10	15	NA
Short.....	34	33	NA
Adequate	53	49	NA
Surplus	3	3	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/15/2016 - 8/21/2016



Generated 8/22/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.
www.hprcc.unl.edu/

Temperature (F)
8/15/2016 - 8/21/2016



Regional Climate Centers Generated 8/22/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.
www.hprcc.unl.edu/

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 16, 2016
(Released Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D3-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.52	55.48	34.41	14.89	2.24	0.00
Last Week 8/9/2016	44.05	55.95	37.21	16.16	2.29	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/17/2016	57.74	42.26	7.96	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 8/18/2015	46.11	53.89	10.86	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.

Author:
David Miskus
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



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