



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 28, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.61 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to mid 70s.

County Comments

Same drought story just another week. Beginning to get a little rain, but it remains very spotty. The damage is done as far as our row crops. The upside is our pastures seem to be recovering rather well.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

We are still receiving spotty rains in the afternoons, but the heat is still causing some crop stress. Corn harvest will begin as soon as the moisture gets low enough. Cotton and late soybeans are looking good. Pastures have improved with rain.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Fall armyworms continue to devastate pastures and hayfields throughout the region, forcing farmers to closely manage resources in order to put hay in the barn, begin the process to stockpile forages, and plan winter forage planting.

Henry Dorrough, St. Clair County

Hot and dry conditions this week, corn harvest underway full force with most corn producers shelling this week. Cotton opening rapidly.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Corn harvest almost complete. Peanut harvest less than two weeks away.

James Jones, Jr., Henry County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/28/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	26	18	20	24
Cotton - Setting Bolls	98	97	97	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	29	16	29	17
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	88	84	97	NA
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	23	14	27	13

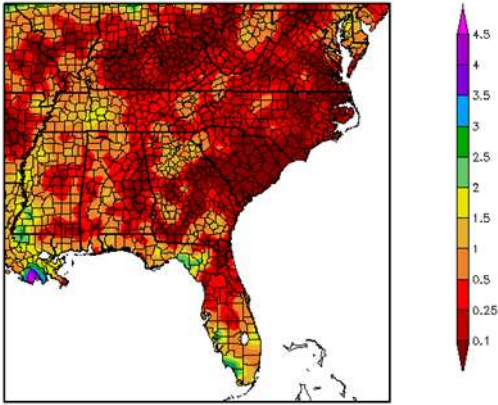
Conditions for Week Ending 08/28/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	21	69	3
Corn	16	22	33	28	1
Cotton.....	2	5	40	44	9
Pasture and range	8	12	29	46	5
Peanuts	0	0	51	43	6
Soybeans	0	10	35	45	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/28/16

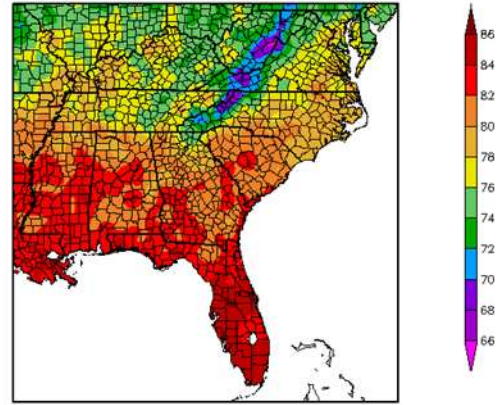
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	6	9
Short.....	29	27	27
Adequate.....	63	64	57
Surplus	2	3	7
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	10	NA
Short.....	32	34	NA
Adequate	56	53	NA
Surplus	2	3	NA

Precipitation (in)
8/22/2016 - 8/28/2016



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Temperature (F)
8/22/2016 - 8/28/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 23, 2016

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D3-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.74	48.26	35.48	11.37	1.51	0.00
Last Week 8/16/2016	44.52	55.48	34.41	14.89	2.24	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/24/2016	51.71	48.29	12.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/16/2015	37.12	62.88	4.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/25/2015	50.15	49.05	4.97	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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