



**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 in Alabama, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 18, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.45 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Peanut and corn harvest are under way. Cotton fields are turning white. Soybean harvest to begin in the next couple of weeks. It's amazing that it is late September and the temperatures are still in the 90s every day.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Another very dry week for the region. Livestock producers are being delayed planting cool season forages due to dry conditions and the threat of fall armyworm. Most farmers are in critical need of hay and other supplemental feed for the impending winter feeding period.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Needed rainfall fell on pastures with a late weekend front moving through. Cotton defoliation ramping up this week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Need rain across the county to dig peanuts. Cotton and later peanuts need moisture too. Some small grains would be planted if we could get a shower. Peanut harvest will be started across the board this week.

James Jones, Jr., Henry County

In dire need of rain.

Cathy Blackburn, Chambers County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/18/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	83	62	66	63
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	82	65	67	54
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	1	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	95	93	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	5	1	8	4
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	55	41	63	41
Soybeans - Harvested	11	1	16	6

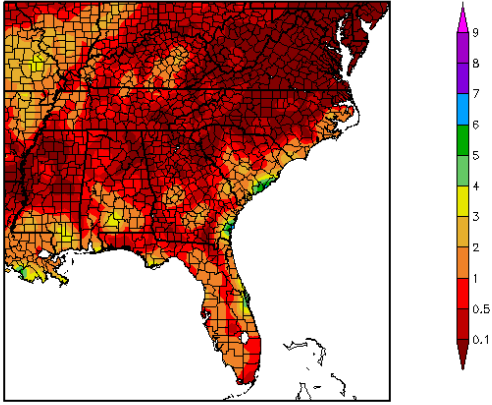
Conditions for Week Ending 09/18/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	7	20	67	3
Cotton.....	1	4	42	44	9
Pasture and range	10	16	34	37	3
Peanuts	0	1	51	42	6
Soybeans	1	11	35	43	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/18/16

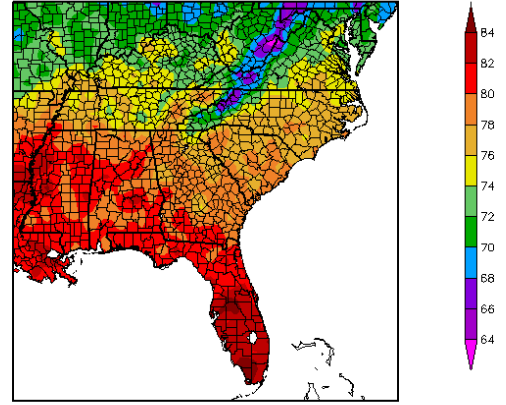
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	15	14	9
Short.....	38	40	27
Adequate	45	44	60
Surplus	2	2	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	14	14	NA
Short.....	39	38	NA
Adequate	45	46	NA
Surplus	2	2	NA

Precipitation (in)
9/12/2016 - 9/18/2016



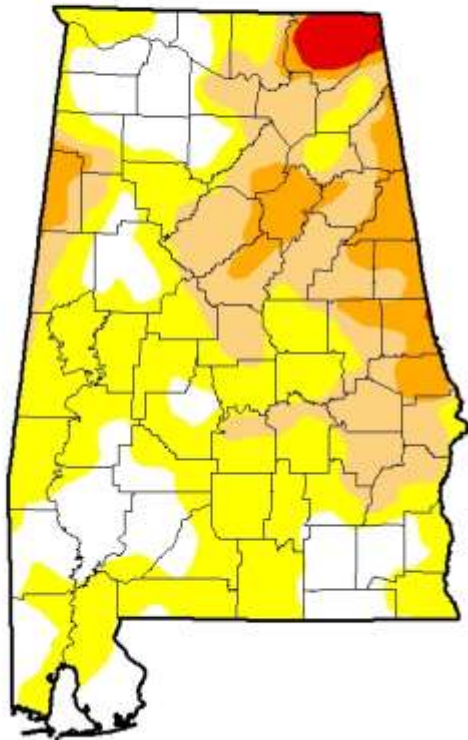
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Temperature (F)
9/12/2016 - 9/18/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.91	77.09	33.26	11.10	1.71	0.00
Last Week 8/6/2016	46.43	53.57	27.29	9.12	1.51	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/14/2016	39.68	60.34	42.65	14.50	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/01/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/09/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 9/15/2015	33.21	66.79	17.30	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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