



**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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 14, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 50s.

County Comments

Wheat is looking really good. Cotton planting should finish up this week. Reports on first cutting hay yields are varying from great to fair. Pastures are looking better, but could use a shower.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Permanent pastures are still in poor shape. Many producers will have to re-seed permanent grasses due to the root loss caused by last year's drought. DeKalb County has received adequate rainfall to date.

Beverly Noles, DeKalb County

More armyworms were reported in adjacent counties in ryegrass pastures. The first hay cuttings are mostly from rye, as perennial pastures are still struggling. The rain we expected last week did not reach us.

David West, Calhoun County

Farmers continue to plant crops. Corn is emerging and in good shape in most places, but may have been too wet in some spots and dry in others. We received rain over the weekend, which has helped improve the drought conditions.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	97	92	97	97
Corn - Emerged	89	82	96	85
Cotton - Planted.....	59	35	54	49
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	54	41	52	45
Peanuts - Planted	38	23	35	34
Soybeans - Planted	50	20	34	28
Soybeans - Emerged	7	NA	9	14
Winter wheat - Headed....	94	93	96	93
Winter wheat - Harvested	1	0	1	4

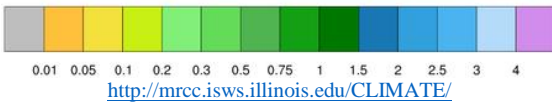
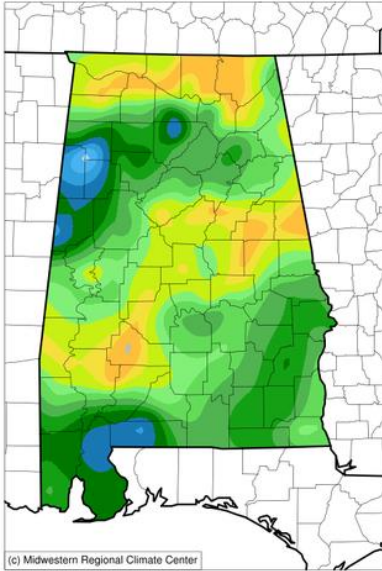
Conditions for Week Ending 05/14/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	32	61	1
Corn	0	1	11	78	10
Pasture and range	0	15	42	42	1
Winter wheat.....	0	6	25	47	22

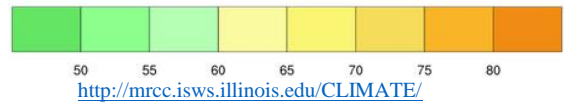
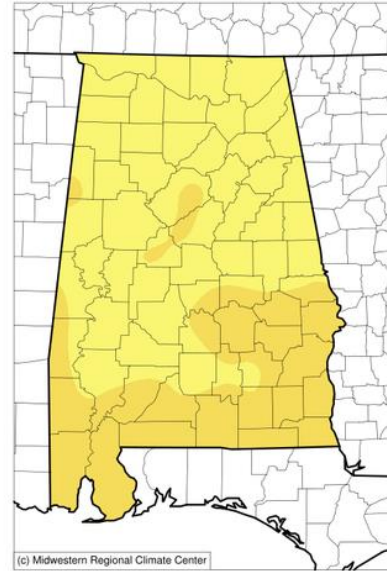
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	3	1	3
Short.....	23	10	18
Adequate	69	79	64
Surplus	5	10	15
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	2	2	NA
Short.....	24	15	NA
Adequate	70	74	NA
Surplus	4	9	NA

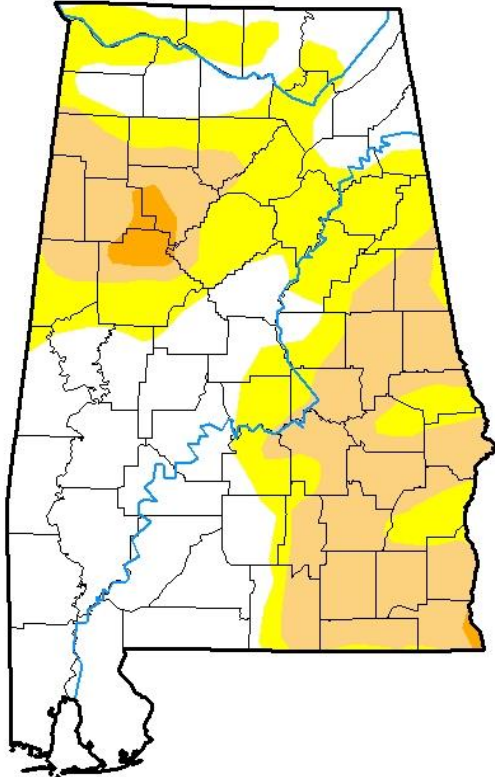
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 08, 2017 to May 14, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
May 08, 2017 to May 14, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 9, 2017
(Released Thursday, May 11, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.95	56.05	28.07	1.50	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-02-2017	23.19	76.81	32.03	1.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-07-2017	32.17	67.83	48.58	23.88	2.33	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
One Year Ago 05-10-2016	78.89	21.11	1.80	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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