



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 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.6 inches of rain up to 6.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Currently we are under wet conditions with continual rain through the week. Wheat harvest is ready to begin, but because of moisture conditions the fields are unable to be worked. Producers are also waiting for conditions to improve to plant more cotton.

**Joshua Melson, Lawrence County**

A good bit of rain fell across the area this week with amounts ranging from about 4 to 7 inches, with mostly cloudy conditions. Very little fieldwork accomplished this week. Picking some summer vegetables, strawberries winding down and harvesting early peaches.

**Dan Porch, Blount County**

Rains over the weekend provided needed moisture for most farmers. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans are continuing to be planted. Crops are emerging quickly with the heat and rains.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

Good rainfall benefited growing plants, pastures, and hayfields. A lengthy rain period curtailed all planting activities. We expect fieldwork to resume early in the weekend ahead of favorable rainfall predictions next week. Some cattlemen have taken advantage of good drying conditions to cut and bale hay.

**Wille Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	2	NA	NA	2
Cotton - Planted.....	84	75	77	81
Cotton - Squaring.....	0	NA	0	1
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	81	70	84	76
Peanuts - Planted.....	73	58	69	70
Soybeans - Planted.....	65	64	59	51
Soybeans - Emerged.....	42	25	40	37
Winter wheat - Harvested	18	6	18	17

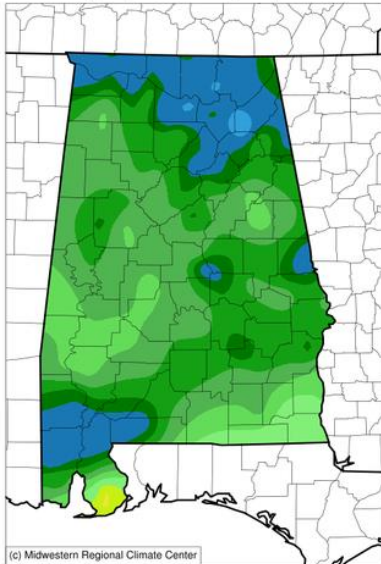
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/28/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	29	63	4
Corn.....	0	0	7	83	10
Cotton.....	0	6	27	64	3
Pasture and range.....	1	14	32	51	2
Peanuts.....	0	4	32	63	1
Soybeans.....	0	2	8	84	6
Winter wheat.....	0	13	15	58	14

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/17**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	3	7
Short.....	6	20	24
Adequate.....	71	57	59
Surplus.....	21	20	10
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	3	NA
Short.....	11	22	NA
Adequate.....	74	62	NA
Surplus.....	9	13	NA

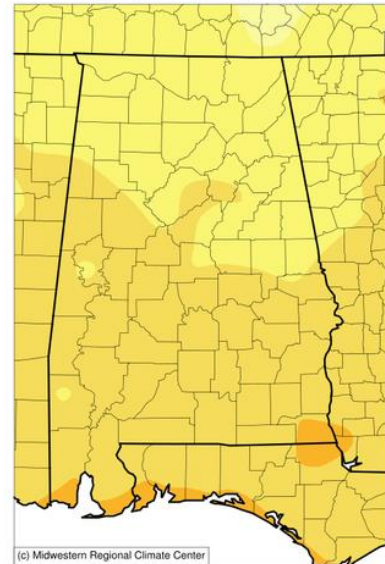
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 22, 2017 to May 28, 2017



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 22, 2017 to May 28, 2017

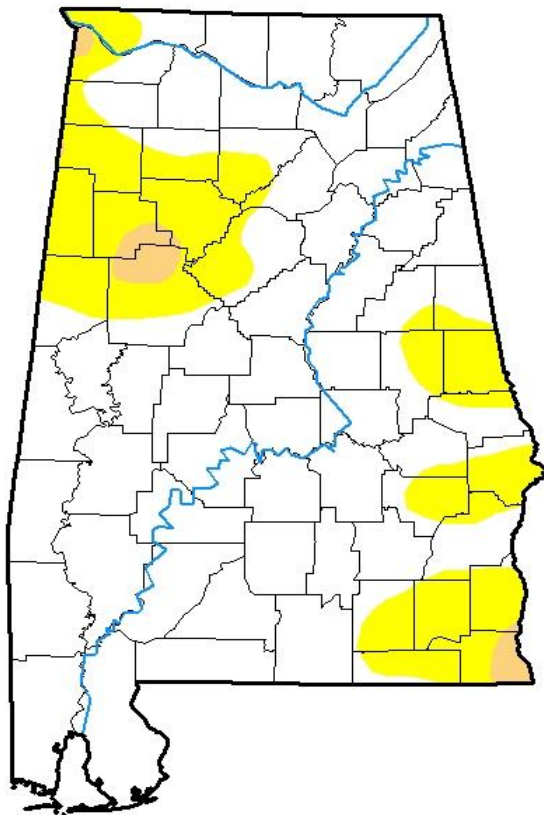


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**May 23, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, May. 25, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.96	22.04	1.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-16-2017</i>	40.58	59.42	28.94	1.19	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-21-2017</i>	30.39	69.61	58.66	35.28	5.21	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-24-2016</i>	51.71	48.29	12.86	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.

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