



**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 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 02, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.27 inches of rain up to 6.11 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

So far so good this growing season. All crops appear to be doing well except in low areas where the crop has become soggy due to excessive rainfall. Strawberries were a total disaster this year due to the rain and possibly a late freeze.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Corn is exceptionally good as of now. Soybeans look good too. Cotton is beginning to be affected by the excess rain. Grazing and haying is good now. The county is completely out of the drought.

Carol Nicholson, Cullman County

Heavy rainfall due to tropical storm Cindy has resulted in some producers being unable to get in the field to plant late soybeans. Potato harvest is also affected by the excess rainfall. Cotton acres are also being affected by the excess rainfall.

Beverly Noles, DeKalb County

Another wet week prevented most of the farming activities. Wet weather has destroyed all remaining unharvested wheat with grain spouting in the head. Wet field conditions have prevented soybean planting behind wheat. Hay production has also been delayed.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Rain again this week. A few hay producers attempted to start on their second cutting. Hardly any fieldwork completed for cotton and soybeans. Weed control is becoming an issue.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/02/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	90	82	90	83
Cotton - Squaring.....	55	42	67	67
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	10	0	17	10
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	6	NA	37	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	41	27	39	46
Soybeans - Planted.....	96	91	97	96
Soybeans - Emerged.....	88	80	90	89
Soybeans - Blooming.....	44	37	24	28
Winter wheat - Harvested	95	89	98	96

Conditions for Week Ending 07/02/17

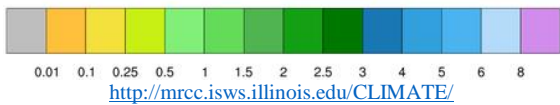
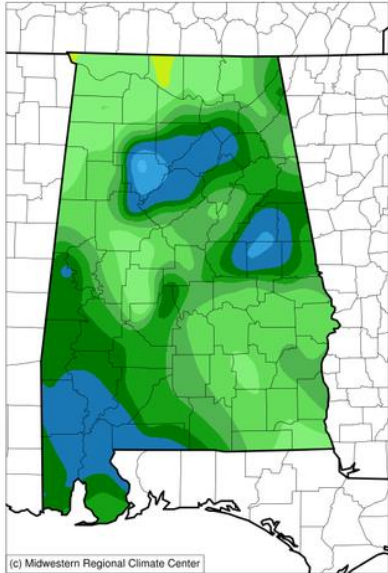
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	19	78	2
Corn.....	0	0	9	63	28
Cotton.....	0	9	42	47	2
Pasture and range.....	0	7	21	56	16
Peanuts.....	0	12	23	64	1
Soybeans.....	0	2	21	69	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/02/17

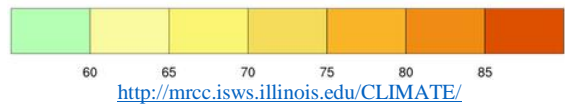
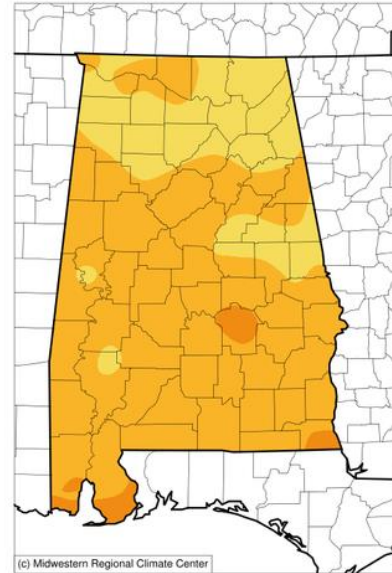
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	1	1	26
Adequate.....	52	51	49
Surplus.....	47	48	15

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	2	NA
Adequate.....	55	54	NA
Surplus.....	45	44	NA

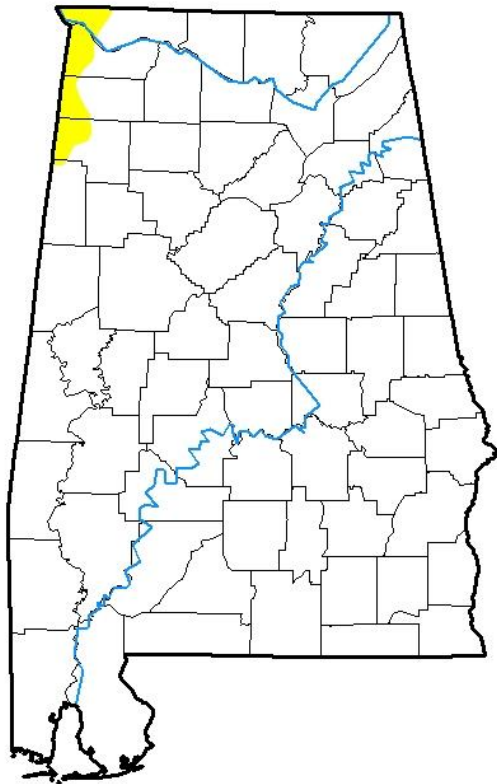
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 26, 2017 to July 02, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
June 26, 2017 to July 02, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



June 27, 2017
(Released Thursday, Jun. 29, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	98.47	1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-20-2017	95.82	4.18	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-28-2017	9.36	90.64	37.68	12.14	0.00	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 06-28-2016	41.31	58.69	40.69	15.14	0.70	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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