



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 17, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Many late soybeans are prevented from being planted due to rain. Fieldwork was hindered by the rain. Pastures are looking better than expected after last year's drought.

Beverly Noles, Dekalb County

Producers attempted to get some much needed field work done this week, but showers again were widespread.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Fields are still extremely wet. Hay producers have struggled trying to get their second cutting of hay. Row crop producers have been delayed all summer and have had to make some unusual management decisions (prevented planting, crop drowning out if it got planted and some fields were planted twice causing growth to be different in the fields).

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Farmers have endured a mix bag when it comes to rainfall in the area. Row crop farmers are continuing to apply fungicide on peanuts as well as herbicide applications on both peanuts and cotton. Most cattlemen are continuing to cut hay and should be on the lookout for armyworms infestation. Produce farmers are at the peak of harvest with abundances of melons and cantaloupes.

Willie Durr, Houstoun County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/16/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	95	93	98	95
Corn - Mature	17	4	18	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	77	66	89	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls	34	21	49	38
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	45	26	57	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	58	55	60	64
Soybeans - Blooming.....	61	57	61	55
Soybeans - Setting Pods	7	NA	30	22

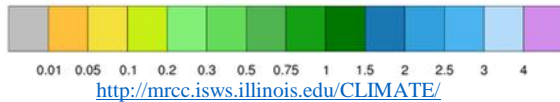
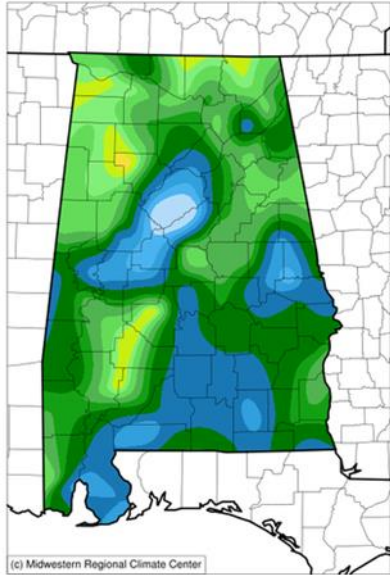
Conditions for Week Ending 07/16/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	16	76	7
Corn	0	1	6	67	26
Cotton.....	2	9	36	49	4
Pasture and range	0	2	17	71	10
Peanuts	3	12	19	64	2
Soybeans	0	0	10	80	10

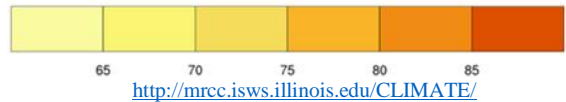
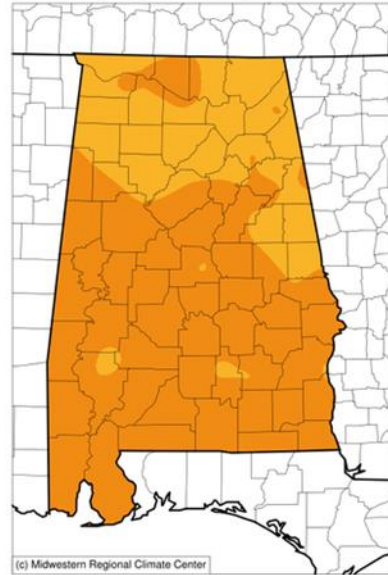
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/16/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	7
Short.....	4	3	22
Adequate	64	65	60
Surplus	32	31	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	NA
Short.....	2	2	NA
Adequate	66	67	NA
Surplus	32	30	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 10, 2017 to July 16, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
July 10, 2017 to July 16, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



July 11, 2017
(Released Thursday, Jul. 13, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-04-2017	99.22	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-11-2017	18.36	81.64	21.69	2.67	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 07-12-2016	37.05	62.95	42.74	15.48	2.72	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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