



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to high 70s.

County Comments

Good week for fieldwork with only a few scattered showers in the area. It was the best week we have had in a while for putting up hay.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Heavy rainfall in certain parts of the county has hurt the soybeans. Some farmers are still planting soybeans. Cotton, corn, pastures and hay look good.

Julia Crownover, Jackson County

A good week for hay producers as much progress was made with the second hay cutting. The cotton crop is looking better but is generally behind in maturity for late July.

Jeffery Smith, Elmore County

Scattered rains are common. Heat stress levels increasing in livestock. Weed pressure in crops and pasture are increasing due to high moisture levels. Fieldwork is also delayed due to rain events.

Jimmy Smitherman, Montgomery County

Spotty rains, pastures look good, plenty of grass, corn is drying out.

Charles Simon, Covington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/23/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	49	17	55	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	79	77	92	92
Cotton - Setting Bolls	45	34	64	58
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	71	45	63	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	82	58	63	72
Soybeans - Blooming.....	74	61	69	63
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	42	7	41	32

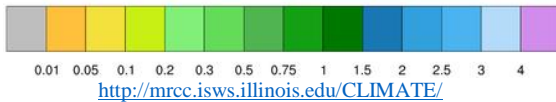
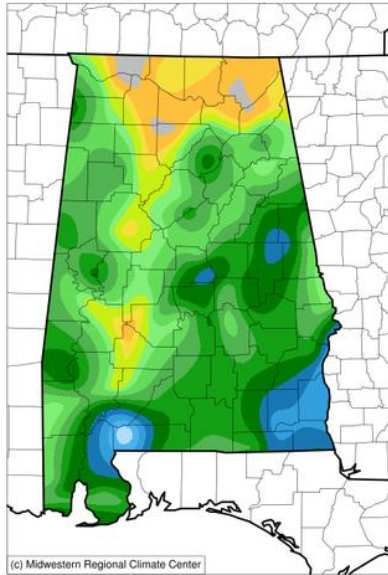
Conditions for Week Ending 07/23/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	74	8
Corn.....	0	0	6	68	26
Cotton.....	2	8	55	30	5
Pasture and range	0	2	19	69	10
Peanuts.....	3	7	21	69	0
Soybeans.....	1	1	13	74	11

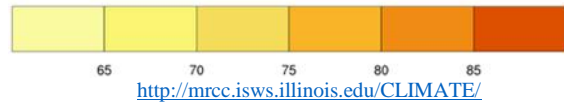
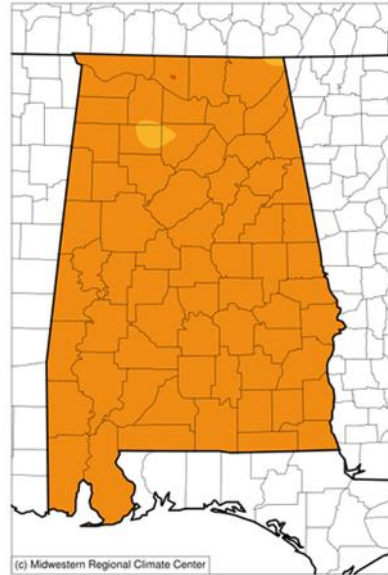
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/23/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	6
Short.....	8	4	24
Adequate.....	64	64	58
Surplus.....	28	32	12
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	3	2	NA
Adequate.....	67	66	NA
Surplus.....	30	32	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 17, 2017 to July 23, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
July 17, 2017 to July 23, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



July 18, 2017
(Released Thursday, Jul. 20, 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 <i>07-11-2017</i>	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-18-2017</i>	6.84	93.16	42.71	2.67	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
One Year Ago <i>07-19-2016</i>	37.02	62.98	41.53	14.59	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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