

# **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 30, 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 low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to mid 70s.

#### **County Comments**

This year was the latest some of our producers ever planted soybeans because of the rain. We had producers planting soybeans as late as last week.

# Julia Crownover, Jackson County

We had some needed scattered showers across the area. Summer vegetable harvest continues; peach harvest winding down.

## **Dan Porch, Blount County**

Scattered rain affecting some fieldwork. High temperatures adding to stress level on livestock.

#### Jimmy Smitherman, Montgomery County

Widely scattered rainfall fell throughout the Wiregrass area this week. Fieldwork continued for a good part of the week. We are starting to see a few fields with worm pressures in peanuts. Cotton is looking pretty good with some disease pressure being treated. Fungicide applications are continuing in both peanuts and cotton. Overall it has been a good week to cut and harvest hay in preparation for winter.

#### Willie Durr, Houston County

# Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/30/17

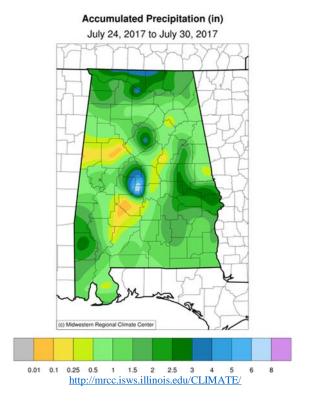
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	68	49	70	30
Cotton - Squaring	82	79	95	95
Cotton - Setting Bolls	53	45	80	74
Hay - 2nd Cutting	78	71	69	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	85	82	74	79
Soybeans - Blooming	81	74	88	74
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	50	42	57	46

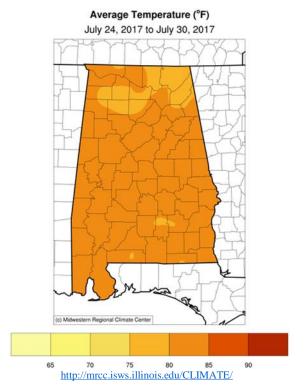
#### Conditions for Week Ending 07/30/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	17	71	11
Corn	0	0	6	57	37
Cotton	1	10	46	35	8
Pasture and range	0	3	16	69	12
Peanuts	0	7	15	77	1
Soybeans	1	2	13	73	11

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/30/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0 4 77 19	0 8 64 28	7 28 56 9
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0 3 78 19	0 3 67 30	NA NA NA NA





U.S. Drought Monitor

Alabama



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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 07-18-2017	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Month's Ago 04-25-2017	13.28	86.72	38.65	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 07-26-2016	38.09	61.91	40.31	11.95	2.78	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D4 Exceptional Drought

D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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