



**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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 6, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Producers have finally had a stretch of several dry days to complete layby on cotton. Most second cutting of hay complete. No rainfall recorded at service center for the week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Off and on rain, heavy in some areas. Corn is getting ready to harvest when we get a few dry days. Hay cutting has been sporadic and only when there has been dry spells. Can't tell what cutting it is because some are getting more dry days than others. One person is harvesting his grass for silage because he couldn't cut it all.

Charles Simon, Covington County

Widely scattered showers were hit and miss around the county last week and most areas remained dry. Farmers were busy spraying weeds in late planted soybeans and forages. Hay baling also picked up during the week.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Timely rainfall and good conditions have helped row crop farmers maintain their fungicide spray schedule on peanuts this week. Cotton and peanuts have benefitted from the timely rainfall. Vegetable crops are topped out and on the decline. Grasses continue to grow well in pastures and hayfields. Cattlemen are optimistic about having enough hay this winter.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/06/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	78	68	79	42
Corn - Harvested	1	NA	7	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	94	82	98	97
Cotton - Setting Bolls	75	53	87	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	0	NA	1	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	86	78	74	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	91	85	85	85
Soybeans - Blooming.....	89	81	94	82
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	61	50	70	57

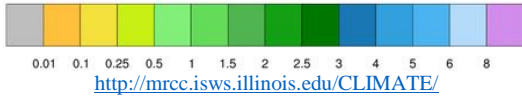
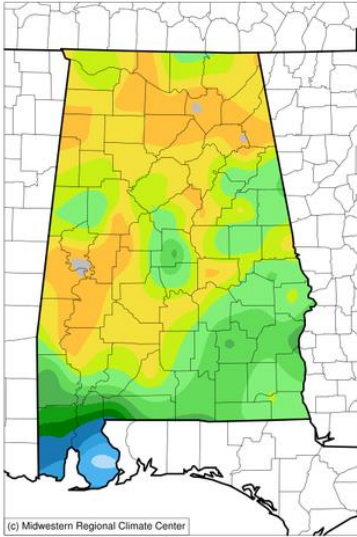
Conditions for Week Ending 08/06/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	17	71	11
Corn	0	0	8	57	35
Cotton.....	1	10	30	47	12
Pasture and range	0	2	13	66	19
Peanuts	0	8	12	77	3
Soybeans	0	1	11	73	15

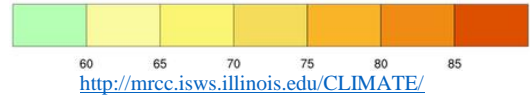
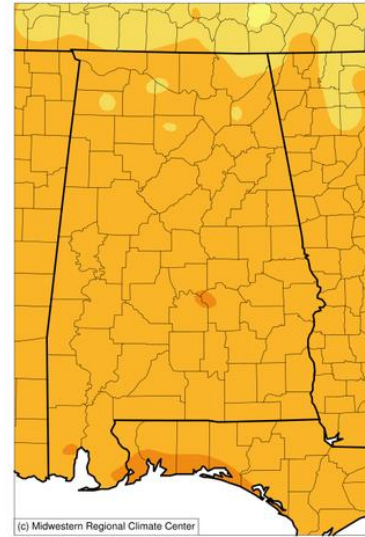
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/06/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	0	6
Short.....	7	4	26
Adequate	70	77	59
Surplus	23	19	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	0	NA
Short.....	5	3	NA
Adequate	71	78	NA
Surplus	24	19	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2017 to August 06, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
July 31, 2017 to August 06, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 1, 2017
(Released Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-25-2017</i>	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-02-2017</i>	23.19	76.81	32.03	1.50	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>08-02-2016</i>	32.44	67.56	40.76	18.33	2.90	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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