



**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 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 7.04 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

All of our row crops appear to be above average to date. Unless we have an early frost, we should be in great shape for a record setting harvest.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

We are seeing soybean rust, target spot, and frog eye leaf spot in soybeans. We will need good fall weather to help some of our late planted cotton mature.

Christy Hicks, Clay County

Corn continues to be harvested between rain showers. It has rained almost every day this week. Some cotton bolls are starting to open.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Scattered rainfall continued throughout the Wiregrass Area this week. Rainfall is slowing hay gathering and reducing hay quality for many cattlemen. Foliage feeders continue to show up in cotton and peanuts, prompting some farmers to include insecticide control material in their spray program. Most farmers agree that if this crop is harvested on time, it will be an excellent year for peanuts and cotton. Early corn harvests are looking good; we just need drier weather to get it in.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/13/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	85	78	89	54
Corn - Harvested	7	1	11	9
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	94	100	99
Cotton - Setting Bolls	90	75	91	89
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	1	0	7	5
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	89	86	78	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	92	91	95	93
Soybeans - Blooming.....	92	89	99	87
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	67	61	81	67

Conditions for Week Ending 08/13/17

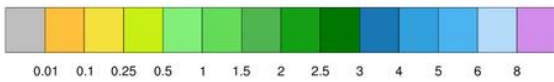
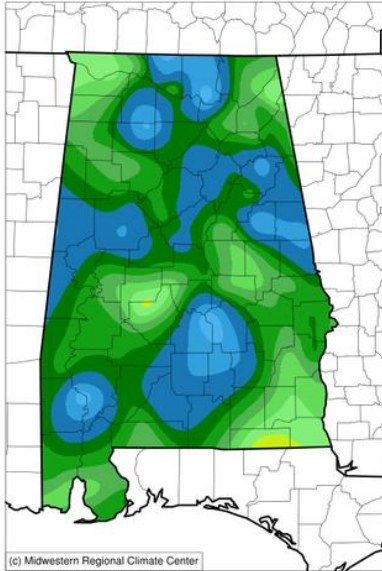
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	16	77	6
Corn	0	1	6	50	43
Cotton.....	3	8	23	55	11
Pasture and range	0	2	7	68	23
Peanuts	2	9	13	73	3
Soybeans	0	0	10	68	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/13/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	6
Short.....	3	7	24
Adequate	65	70	59
Surplus	32	23	11

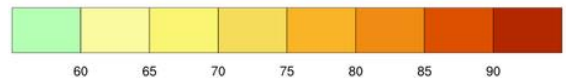
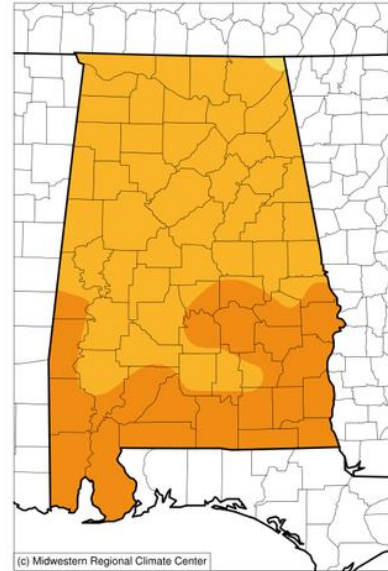
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	5	NA
Adequate	68	71	NA
Surplus	30	24	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 07, 2017 to August 13, 2017



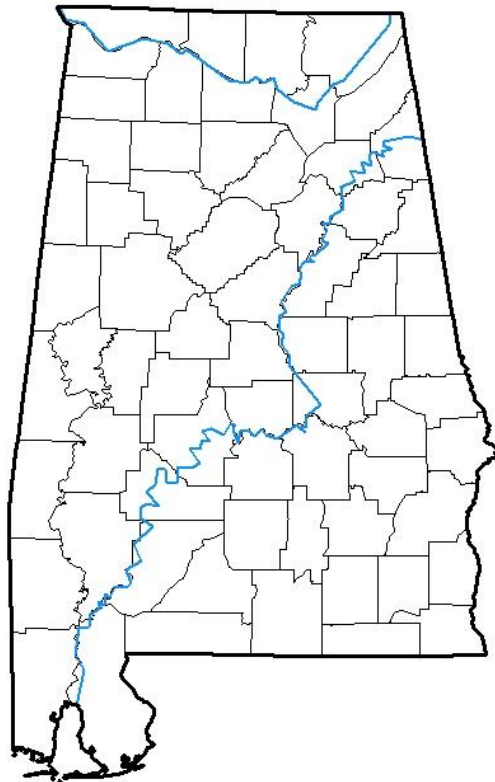
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Average Temperature (°F)
August 07, 2017 to August 13, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 8, 2017
(Released Thursday, Aug. 10, 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 08-01-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-09-2017	43.95	56.05	28.07	1.50	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 08-09-2016	44.05	55.95	37.21	16.16	2.29	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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