



**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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 20, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.16 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Hot, humid, and dry weather was the norm across the area for the week. Seeing disease and insect pressure on vegetable crops. Worm activity increased in cotton as field corn begins to dry down in some fields. Strawberry producers are preparing field for fall planting and the last of the peach crop was harvested this past week as well.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Corn harvest is underway with good yields being reported. Not many opening bolls in cotton yet. A few areas saw heavy downpours this week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Rainfall was widely scattered for most of the week in most of the Wiregrass area. Row crop farmers and cattlemen were able to stay on top of their spray program and harvest some hay. We are seeing more insects on cotton and peanuts, as well as fall armyworms on bermudagrass hay fields. Corn harvest is picking up the mostly dry weather conditions.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/20/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	95	85	94	65
Corn - Harvested	16	7	17	14
Cotton - Setting Bolls	97	90	96	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	6	1	15	10
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	92	89	83	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	96	92	99	97
Soybeans - Blooming.....	97	92	100	100
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	78	67	93	77
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	2	0	12	9

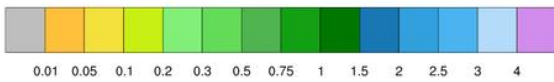
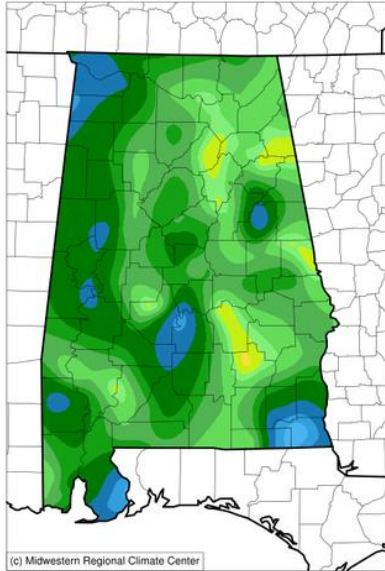
Conditions for Week Ending 08/20/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	19	75	5
Corn	0	1	6	54	39
Cotton.....	0	8	32	52	8
Pasture and range	0	2	11	65	22
Peanuts	0	10	18	71	1
Soybeans	0	1	12	61	26

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/20/17

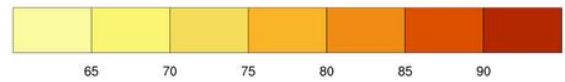
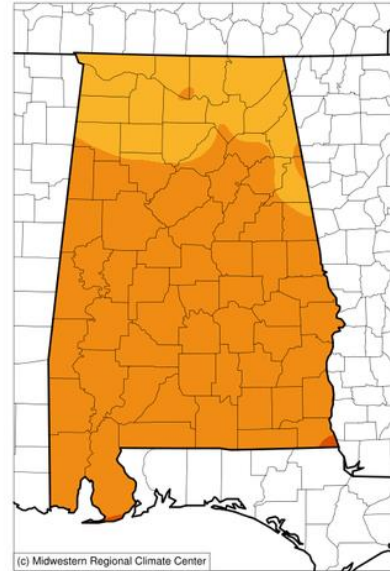
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	5
Short.....	3	3	25
Adequate	79	65	60
Surplus	18	32	10
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	2	NA
Adequate	77	68	NA
Surplus	21	30	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 14, 2017 to August 20, 2017



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
August 14, 2017 to August 20, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 15, 2017
(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 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 08-08-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-16-2017	40.58	59.42	28.94	1.19	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 08-16-2016	44.52	55.48	34.41	14.89	2.24	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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