



**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, August 27, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.94 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Two fears for the cotton crop are early frost and hurricane related issues. The cotton crop looks good, but it is a little late in development due to an abundance of rainfall in late spring and early summer. We still need lots of sunshine and warm days.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

A dry week provided good conditions for farm operations. Corn harvest is well underway with good yields being reported. Soybean fungicide applications continued this week, and a considerable amount of hay was baled. Bermudagrass stem maggot infestations and a few reports of fall armyworms have led to insecticide applications in hayfields.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Bottom bolls in cotton are beginning to open, and corn harvest is in full swing. Only scattered showers this week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Isolated, widely scattered showers this week have left most of the Wiregrass farms on the dry side. Drier conditions were a big help in corn and hay harvesting. Cotton producers are seeing an infestation of whiteflies, causing farmers to use recommended control materials. Fungicide applications continued on peanuts this week, with some control measures required for foliage feeders. Most fall vegetable crops are already growing. More rain is needed throughout the Wiregrass to keep this year's crop going.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/27/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	31	16	25	23
Cotton - Setting Bolls	98	97	98	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	13	6	27	18
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	94	92	87	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	88	78	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	10	2	22	16

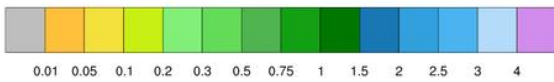
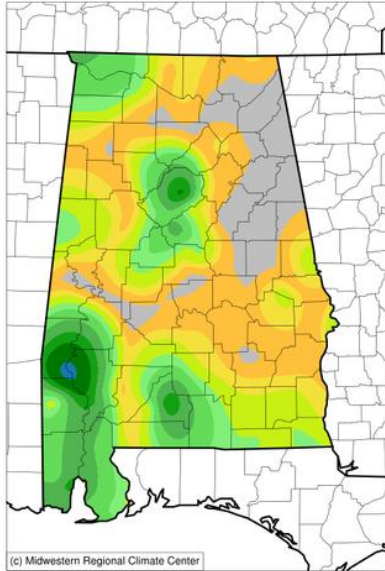
Conditions for Week Ending 08/27/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	21	69	9
Corn	0	1	8	47	44
Cotton.....	0	9	23	60	8
Pasture and range	0	4	18	60	18
Peanuts	0	13	19	68	0
Soybeans	1	1	11	57	30

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/27/17

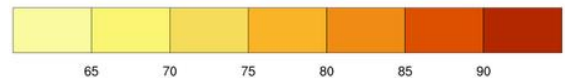
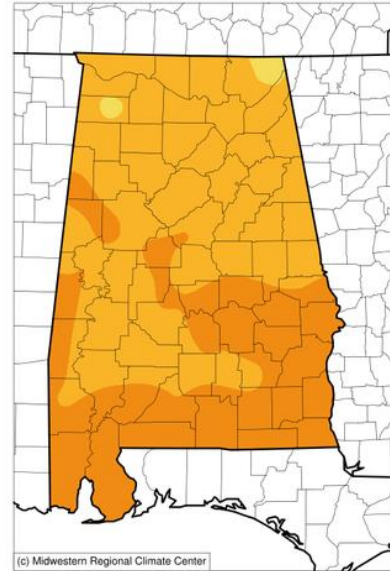
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	5
Short.....	22	3	25
Adequate	67	79	63
Surplus	10	18	7
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	19	2	NA
Adequate	69	77	NA
Surplus	12	21	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 21, 2017 to August 27, 2017



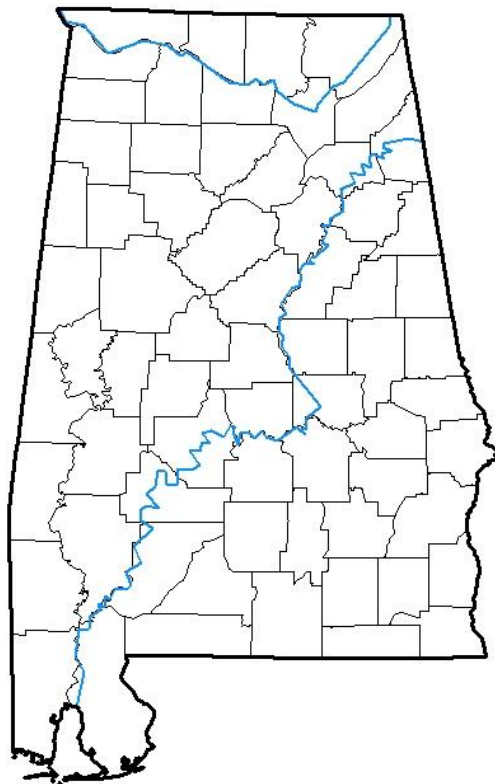
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Average Temperature (°F)
August 21, 2017 to August 27, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 22, 2017
(Released Thursday, Aug. 24, 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 08-15-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-23-2017	77.96	22.04	1.76	0.00	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 08-23-2016	50.74	49.26	25.48	11.37	1.51	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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