



**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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 03, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 9.72 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

The rain from Hurricane Harvey was needed because we were as dry as we had been all year. Corn is drying down well. A few soybeans are yellowing and beginning to drop leaves. Most summer vegetable harvests are winding down.

**Dan Porch, Blount County**

The remains of Hurricane Harvey brought strong winds and heavy rains to the area this week and halted corn harvest for a day. Hay harvesting continued as fall armyworm and bermudagrass stem maggot reports increased.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Rain from Hurricane Harvey halted corn harvest this week, but producers are hoping to get back in their fields by next week to finish up. Corn yields are looking good, and soybeans are in good shape. Some cotton and peanuts look good too, but some look terrible.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

Good rainfall was received throughout the Wiregrass this week. Peanuts and cotton are looking good, but pests are beginning to plague these crops. Cotton producers are dealing with white flies as well as the usual pests. Peanut producers are seeing an uptick in foliage feeders and boring pests. Soybean producers need to stay alert for rust infestation. The higher than normal rainfall this year will hopefully result in a good final hay cutting.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/03/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	51	31	35	33
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	99	98	100	100
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	27	13	44	29
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	94	94	91	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	96	88	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	27	10	31	23

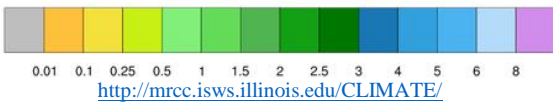
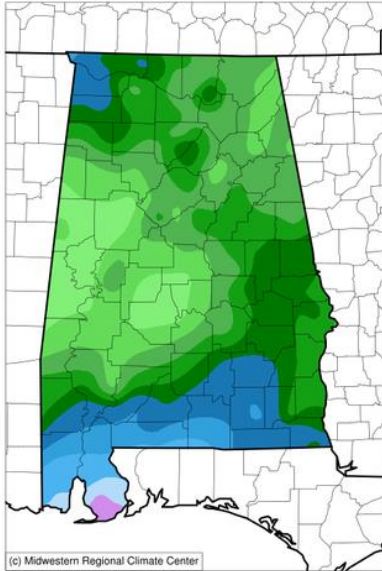
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/03/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	24	66	9
Corn .....	0	0	8	40	52
Cotton.....	0	9	21	56	14
Pasture and range .....	0	1	20	59	20
Peanuts .....	0	12	17	69	2
Soybeans .....	0	0	10	56	34

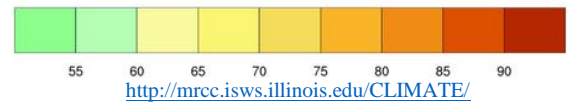
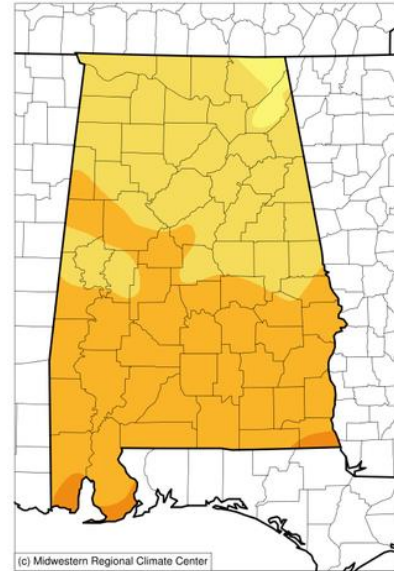
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/03/17**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	6
Short.....	4	22	22
Adequate.....	73	67	66
Surplus.....	23	10	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	4	19	NA
Adequate.....	72	69	NA
Surplus.....	24	12	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 28, 2017 to September 03, 2017



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 28, 2017 to September 03, 2017



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**August 29, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-22-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-30-2017	88.42	11.58	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-30-2016	50.76	49.24	27.23	9.52	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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