



**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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.82 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Corn harvest is underway and yields are looking very good. Farmers are trying to get as much harvested before the rain from Hurricane Irma gets here. Cotton has the potential to be great, but these cool nights are not good for the bolls that have not yet opened.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Producers scrambled to get up late-cut hay before the arrival of Hurricane Irma. Some soybeans are approaching harvest, as is some field corn. The summer vegetable crops harvesting is winding down.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Farmers worked overtime this week to get corn and hay harvested in anticipation of Hurricane Irma, which is forecasted to move through the area. All other farm activities were routine for the week.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Timely rainfall last week, and the prospect of rainfall next week have row crop producers cautiously optimistic. Cotton, peanut, and soybean producers are dealing with insect and disease pressures. Most producers are staying on top of the situation with spray programs. We are starting to see some late April peanuts being dug, and so far so good. Commodity prices continue to be a concern for many Wiregrass producers.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/10/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	69	51	58	47
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	32	27	62	42
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	96	94	93	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	0	NA	1	0
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	36	27	40	32

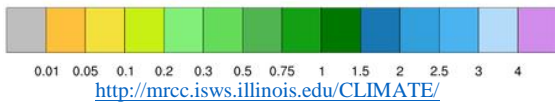
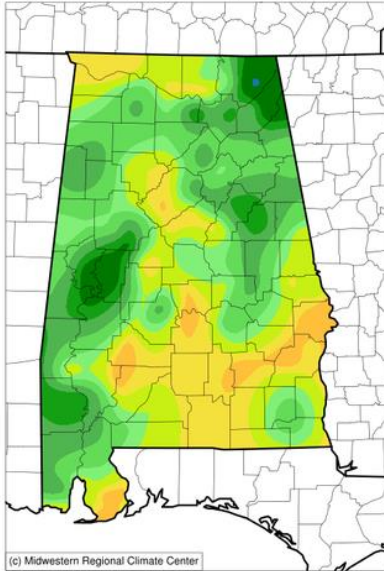
Conditions for Week Ending 09/10/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	2	21	74	3
Cotton.....	1	9	22	54	14
Pasture and range	0	2	20	62	16
Peanuts	0	8	11	79	2
Soybeans	0	0	8	56	36

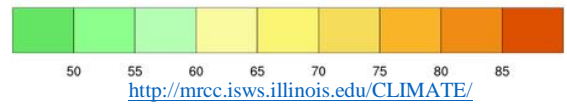
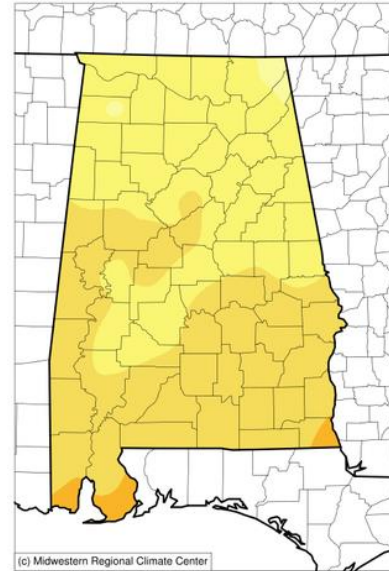
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/10/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	0	9
Short.....	9	4	25
Adequate.....	75	73	62
Surplus.....	15	23	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short.....	8	4	NA
Adequate.....	76	72	NA
Surplus.....	15	24	NA

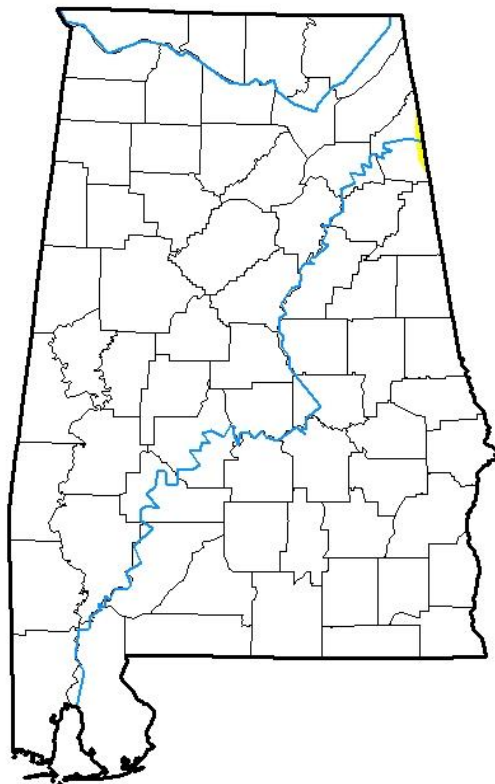
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 04, 2017 to September 10, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
September 04, 2017 to September 10, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 5, 2017
(Released Thursday, Sep. 7, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.86	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-29-2017	99.95	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-06-2017	93.92	6.08	0.73	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 09-06-2016	46.43	53.57	27.29	9.12	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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