



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries
Southern Region, Alabama Field Office · 4121 Carmichael Road · Montgomery, AL 36106 · (334) 279-3555 · (334) 279-3590 FAX
www.nass.usda.gov

September 18, 2017

Media Contact: Cynthia Price

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 17, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.58 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

The rain received from Hurricane Irma stopped harvesting activities earlier in the week, but they have since resumed. Corn yields are still looking good. Cotton fields are really starting to turn white. The warmer weather should help the rest of the bolls open.

Tim Malone, Marion County

We are seeing mite activity in cotton, and some bolls are beginning to open. Soybean leaves are yellowing and beginning to drop. Some corn is being harvested, and the rest is drying down quickly. We were lucky that we did not see too much damage or lodging caused by Hurricane Irma. Sunshine did not return until later in the week, so conditions are still pretty damp.

Dan Porch, Blount County

The corn harvest is wrapping up. Excellent yields have been reported. No cotton defoliation observed as of yet, but bolls are opening quickly.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Monroe County received some rain from Hurricane Irma. All corn was harvested, and digging has begun on peanuts. Cotton producers are a little concerned due to those very cool days we had early in the week.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/17/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	77	69	80	62
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	52	32	80	57
Cotton - Harvested.....	2	0	1	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	18	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	16	1	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	0	4	3
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	45	36	53	43
Soybeans - Harvested	2	0	10	6

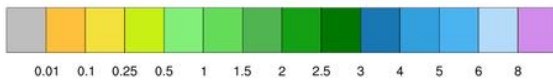
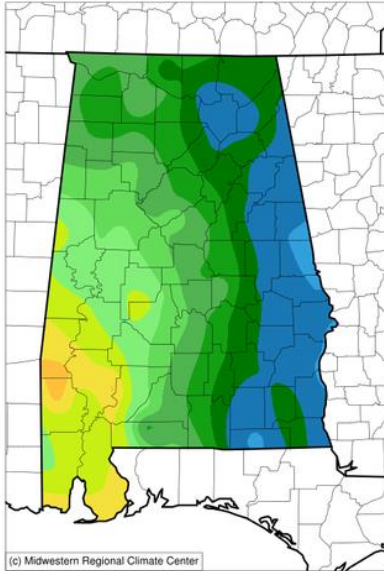
Conditions for Week Ending 09/17/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	21	70	7
Cotton.....	0	9	25	52	14
Pasture and range	0	2	20	61	17
Peanuts	0	10	14	76	0
Soybeans	0	1	10	60	29

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/17/17

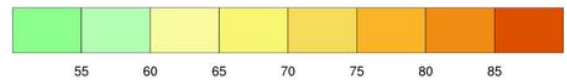
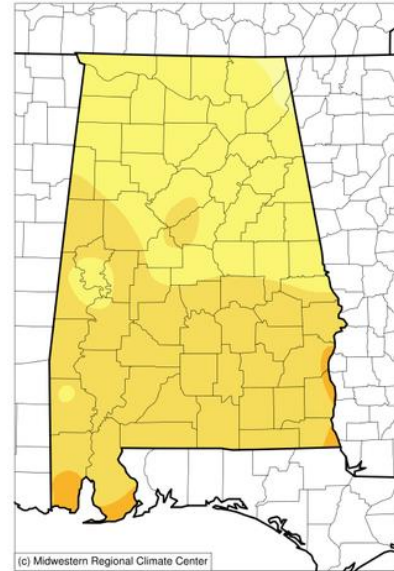
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very Short.....	0	1	9
Short.....	9	9	30
Adequate.....	78	75	57
Surplus.....	13	15	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very Short.....	0	1	NA
Short.....	6	8	NA
Adequate.....	81	76	NA
Surplus.....	13	15	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



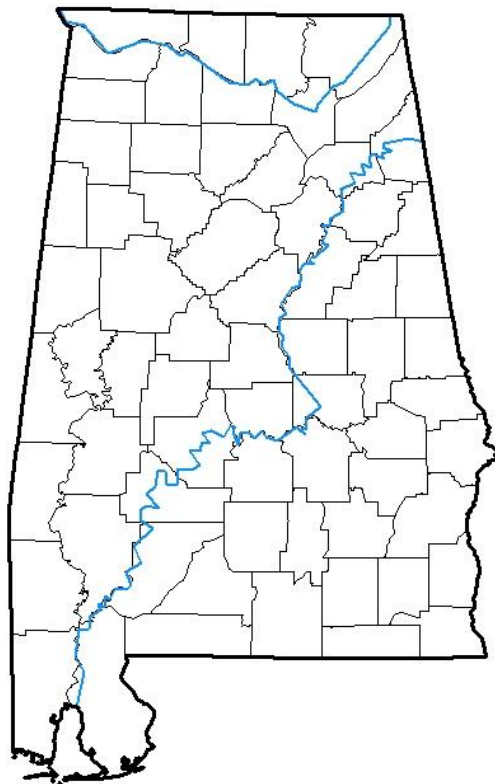
<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



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

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 12, 2017

(Released Thursday, Sep. 14, 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 09-05-2017	99.86	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-13-2017	94.34	5.66	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 09-13-2016	22.91	77.09	33.26	11.10	1.71	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.

Author:

Richard Tinker
CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>