



**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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 24, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.22 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Farmers made progress in the harvest this week although some spotty rainfall slowed it down in some places. We are hoping to receive plenty of sunshine and make even more progress next week. Cotton is opening up better now with this hot weather.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Some rainfall received early in the week slowed field work, but the latter part of the week allowed for work to continue. Soybean and corn harvests are underway, as well as late summer vegetables.

Dan Porch, Blount County

A few widely scattered showers during the week did little to dampen farming activities. The corn harvest is almost complete as farmers attempt to pick corn that was blown down by Hurricane Irma. The first soybeans of the season were harvested and preparations are underway to begin defoliation of cotton.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

The cotton harvest is just beginning in the Wiregrass, with peanut harvest in full swing. Cotton producers are beginning to defoliate quite a bit of the crop. Spotty mid-week showers put a halt to harvesting activities. Small grains farmers are hoping for some rainfall so they can get seed planted. More hay is being cut and harvested.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/24/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	90	77	90	76
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	60	52	87	69
Cotton - Harvested.....	3	2	5	3
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	40	18	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	27	16	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	8	1	11	9
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	54	45	70	56
Soybeans - Harvested	11	2	25	13

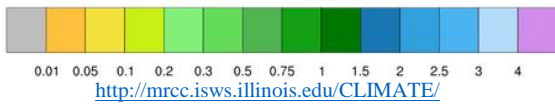
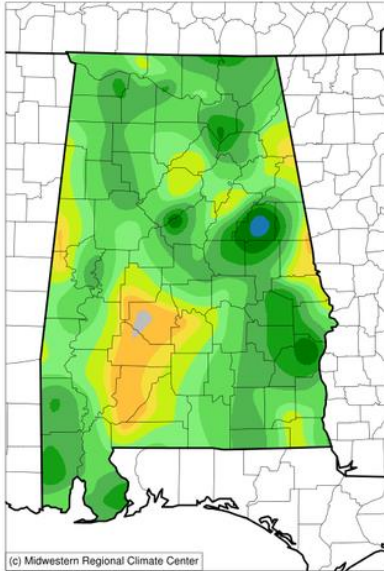
Conditions for Week Ending 09/24/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	25	69	5
Cotton.....	0	7	34	46	13
Pasture and range	0	3	20	66	11
Peanuts	0	9	20	71	0
Soybeans	0	1	12	55	32

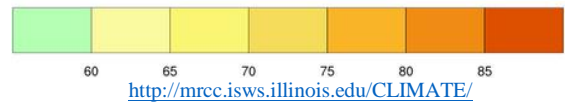
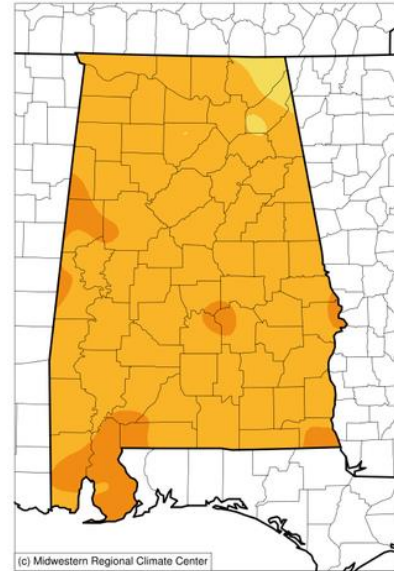
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/24/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	10
Short.....	7	9	29
Adequate	85	78	57
Surplus	8	13	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	6	6	NA
Adequate	85	81	NA
Surplus	9	13	NA

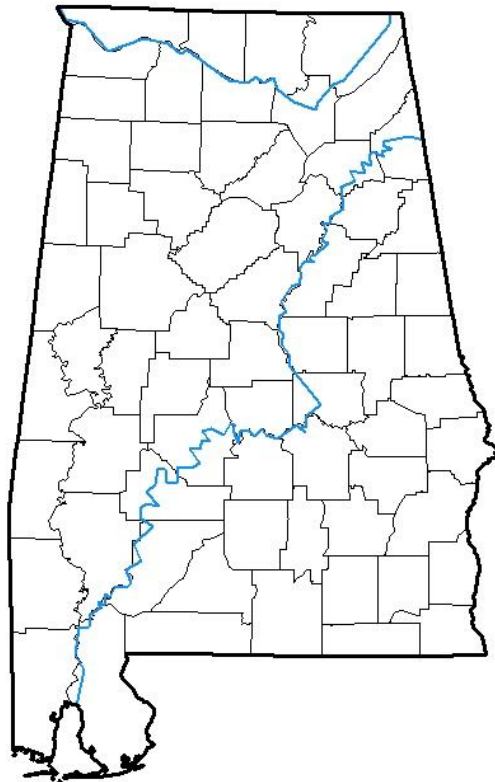
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
September 18, 2017 to September 24, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 19, 2017

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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 09-12-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-20-2017	95.82	4.18	0.14	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 09-20-2016	24.43	75.57	34.93	13.56	1.74	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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