



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.20 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Warm dry weather pushed row crops along toward maturity. Tomato harvest winding down as are most summer vegetable crops. It was a good week for cutting and harvesting hay with few fields left to cut.

**Dan Porch, Blount County**

Cotton defoliation ramped up this week with dry and hot conditions. Pickers should start rolling next week. Some cotton still behind in maturity from cool, wet conditions in spring. No rain recorded at service center this week.

**Jeffery Smith, Elmore County**

Monroe County received 0.2 inches of rainfall this week. Peanut producers are digging and some have combined. Cotton is gradually opening, but blooms are still visible on the top. Most of the soybeans look good except for a few reports of rust. Pastures are in fair condition.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

Row crop producers are busy harvesting peanuts and defoliating cotton. Peanut crops are looking good with better than normal grades. Cattlemen are busy cutting and harvesting hay. We expect preparation for harvest activities to continue with no interruption. Rain is in the forecast for later this week which will soften the soil for better peanut harvest efficiency.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/01/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	94	90	94	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	71	60	91	78
Cotton - Harvested.....	6	3	10	9
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	69	40	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	44	27	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	25	8	31	19
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	70	54	82	68
Soybeans - Harvested .....	23	11	33	19
Winter Wheat - Planted...	1	NA	NA	NA

**Conditions for Week Ending 10/01/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	18	76	5
Cotton.....	1	8	39	40	12
Pasture and range .....	0	3	16	70	11
Peanuts .....	0	4	26	65	5
Soybeans .....	0	2	13	56	29

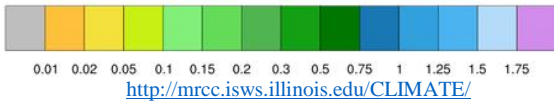
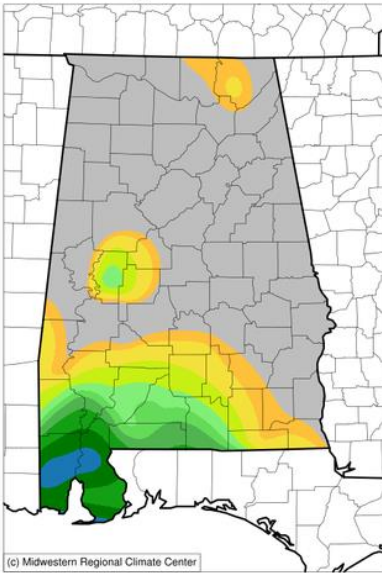
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/01/17**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	1	0	13
Short.....	16	7	24
Adequate .....	77	85	57
Surplus .....	6	8	6

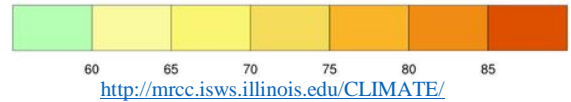
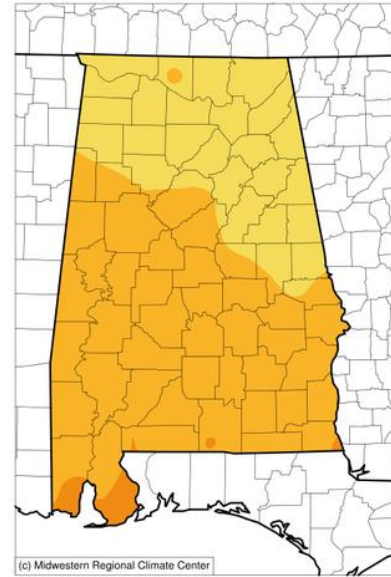
  

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short.....	14	6	NA
Adequate .....	80	85	NA
Surplus .....	6	9	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 25, 2017 to October 01, 2017



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 25, 2017 to October 01, 2017



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**September 26, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-19-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-27-2017	98.47	1.53	0.00	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> 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	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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