



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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 15 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 5.37 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Hurricane Nate brought high winds and plenty of rain to the area early last week but caused relatively minimal damage to crops. Cotton fields defoliated prior to the storm received the worst of the damage with respect to crop losses. Livestock producers are busy planting winter grazing as warm season forage production drops off significantly.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Peanut harvest is in full swing in the Wiregrass. Peanuts are yielding and grading very good thus far. Cotton fared pretty well in the Eastern and Central Wiregrass where wind and rain were lighter. The Western areas had significant damage caused by Hurricane Nate rainfall and high winds.

Willie Durr, Houston County

A second straight week of very warm temperature with high humidity allowed for good progress on row crop activities including defoliation of cotton, harvest of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Some final harvesting of hay on few fields also. Annual hill strawberries planted, winding up harvest on fall tomato crops as well.

Dan Porch, Talladega County

Rain from tropical system put fieldwork on hold for several days. Some producers were back in the field harvesting and defoliating by end of the week.

Jeffery Smith, Montgomery County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	86	83	95	91
Cotton - Harvested.....	33	22	47	30
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	86	81	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	74	63	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	61	46	69	49
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	92	86	96	87
Soybeans - Harvested.....	43	34	55	35
Winter wheat - Planted.....	12	6	3	10

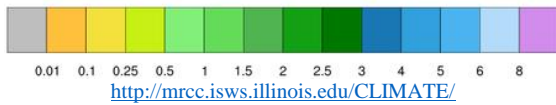
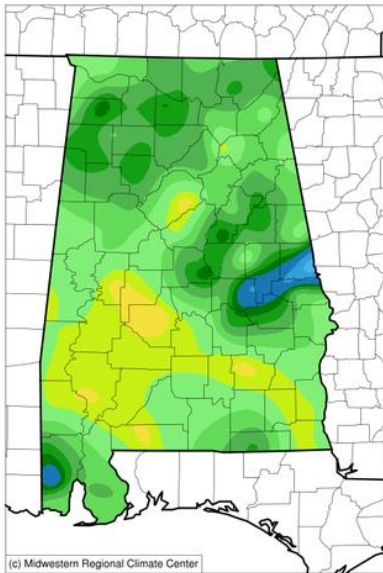
Conditions for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	16	76	7
Cotton.....	0	8	35	45	12
Pasture and range.....	0	5	23	62	10
Peanuts.....	0	4	27	65	4
Soybeans.....	0	1	11	63	25

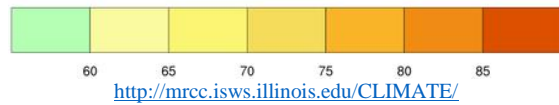
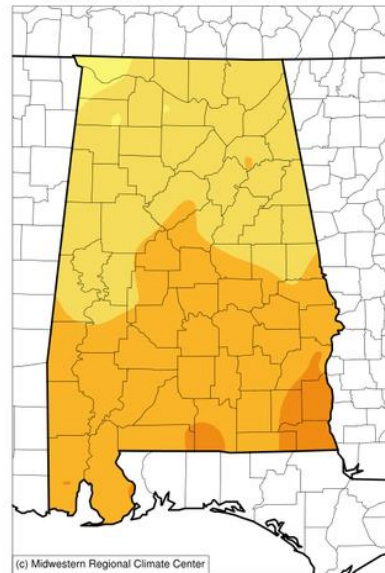
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/15/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	3	16
Short.....	9	18	25
Adequate.....	78	70	56
Surplus.....	13	9	3
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	3	NA
Short.....	10	17	NA
Adequate.....	82	71	NA
Surplus.....	8	9	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017

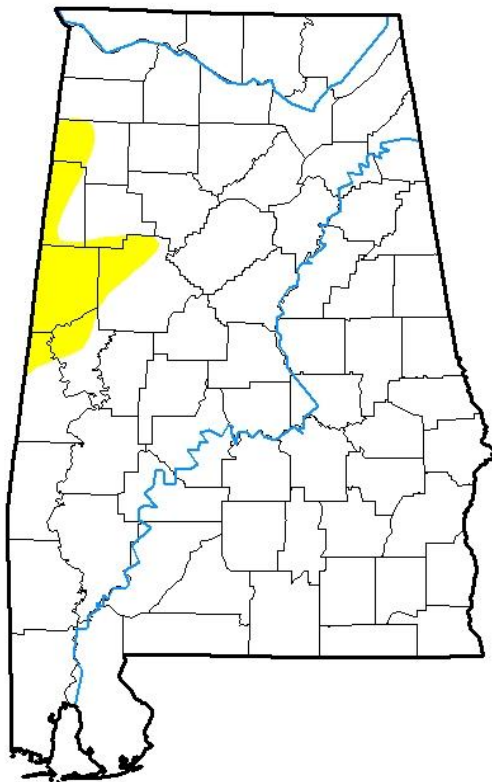


Average Temperature (°F)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 10, 2017
(Released Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.31	4.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-03-2017	94.10	5.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-11-2017	99.95	0.05	0.00	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 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-11-2016	0.00	100.00	71.94	37.31	16.70	3.22

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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