



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.21 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Cotton harvest picked up a bit this week and more cotton was defoliated. Warm season pasture conditions are falling off as they prepare for dormancy. Cool season pastures are still being planted. As a result some livestock producers have already begun to feed hay.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Peanut harvest rapidly coming to a close in the next two weeks. Cotton harvest moving at a fast pace. Need rain for small grain for grazing plantings.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

An early week forecast of rain on Monday could slow crop harvesting activities in the Wiregrass for a few days. This will aid in the harvesting of peanuts by softening the soil. Most of the peanut crop in the Wiregrass is a little better when compared to 2016. Reports are the crop is not as good as 2012. Cotton is looking better than 2016 but not as good as 2012. Commodity prices are lower with input cost steady.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Harvest continues throughout the county for all crops. Good weather has permitted farmers to work all week.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	89	86	99	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	45	33	60	42
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	92	86	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	81	74	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	67	61	84	66
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	96	92	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested.....	65	43	69	46
Winter wheat - Planted.....	18	12	10	16

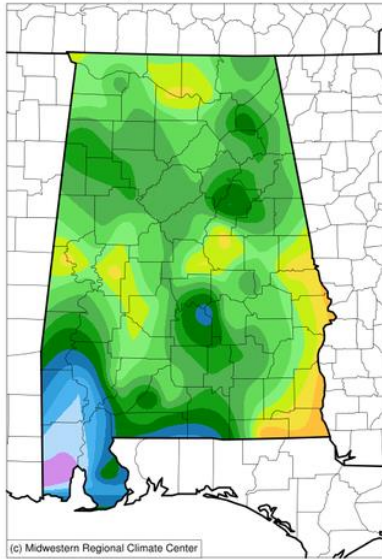
Conditions for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	18	76	5
Cotton.....	1	8	35	47	9
Pasture and range.....	0	5	20	66	9
Soybeans.....	0	2	13	60	25

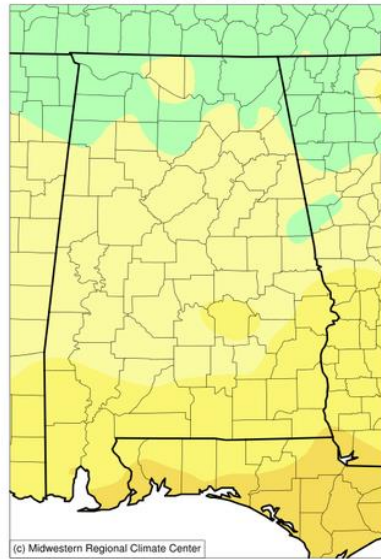
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	19
Short.....	14	9	30
Adequate.....	76	78	50
Surplus.....	9	13	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short.....	15	10	NA
Adequate.....	76	82	NA
Surplus.....	8	8	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017

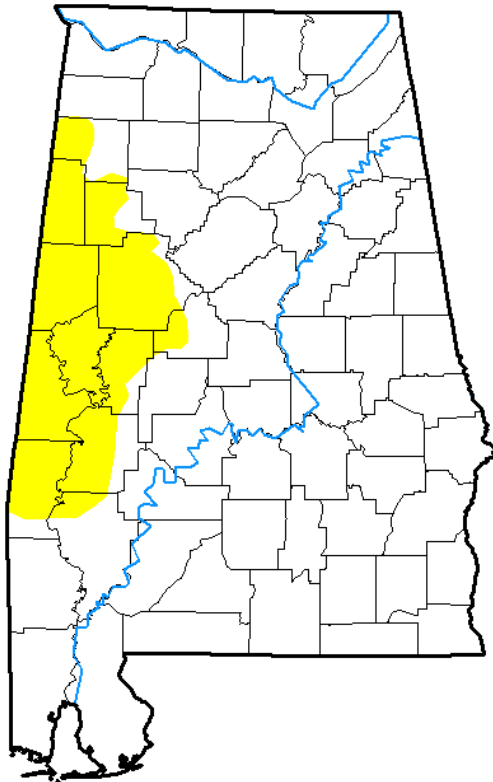


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.78	14.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-10-2017	95.31	4.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2017	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 10-18-2016	0.00	100.00	98.48	61.89	23.93	4.98

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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