



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 29, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.52 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 40s.

County Comments

Rain on both ends of the week and a light frost midweek left only a few days for crop harvest activities. Cotton and soybean harvest picked up considerably with good yields reported. Some wheat and cool season pastures were planted ahead of rain late in the week.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

A late-week front brought rain and halted most fieldwork for the weekend. Cotton harvest progressing but about a month behind normal. Good to excellent cotton yields reported.

Jeffery Smith, Tallapoosa County

Peanuts and cotton harvesting is progressing well with little delay. A few soybeans have been picked with good yields reported. Winter grazing planting is slowly beginning and hay harvesting is coming to an end. We expect a one day delay in harvesting after this Monday morning frost.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Light scattered frost across the area last week with good rainfall late Friday to early Saturday morning ending the harvest for the rest of the week. Yields looking impressive on cotton and soybeans.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/29/17

| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening..... | 93 | 89 | 100 | 97 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 53 | 45 | 67 | 53 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 93 | 92 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 88 | 81 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 71 | 67 | 90 | 77 |
| Soybeans - Harvested..... | 74 | 65 | 81 | 59 |
| Winter wheat - Planted..... | 33 | 18 | 14 | 25 |
| Winter wheat - Emerged.. | 2 | 0 | NA | NA |

Conditions for Week Ending 10/29/17

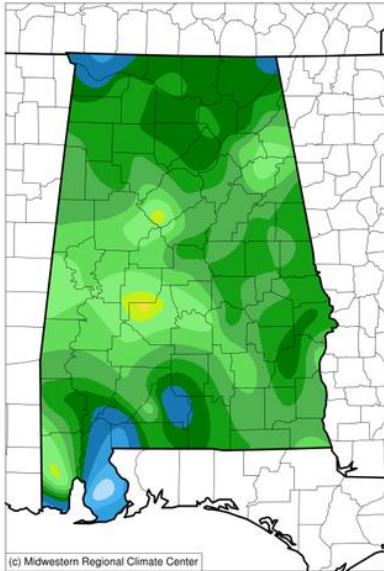
| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 0 | 1 | 20 | 73 | 6 |
| Cotton..... | 0 | 8 | 37 | 45 | 10 |
| Pasture and range..... | 0 | 5 | 21 | 65 | 9 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/29/17

| Topsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| Short..... | 6 | 14 | 28 |
| Adequate..... | 84 | 76 | 49 |
| Surplus..... | 10 | 9 | 3 |

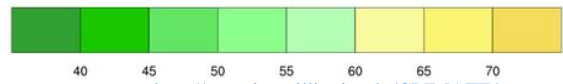
| Subsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0 | 1 | NA |
| Short..... | 9 | 15 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 83 | 76 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 8 | 8 | NA |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 2017



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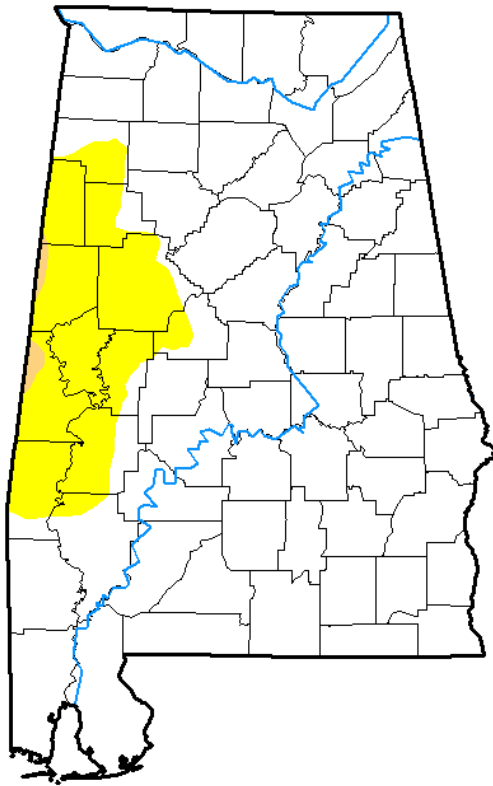
Average Temperature (°F)
October 23, 2017 to October 29, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 24, 2017
(Released Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 85.82 | 14.18 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 10-17-2017 | 85.78 | 14.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 07-25-2017 | 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 10-25-2016 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 73.14 | 33.03 | 9.94 |

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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