



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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 5, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.33 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Rainy weather is hindering cotton and soybean harvest. Pastures are looking really good. With the rain and warm conditions, it might be January before livestock producers have to start supplemental feeding.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Scattered rain during the week hampered harvest of row crops. High humidity and very warm temperature for this time of year. Ranchers still overseeding some pastures.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Off and on rain showers during the week slowed cotton and soybean harvest, but a warm end of the week allowed farmers to make up for lost time. The first frost of the season early in the week shut down warm season pasture production. Some livestock producers are feeding while they wait for cool season forages to grow.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Need a good rain; the top soil is starting to show signs of water stress. So far the mild temperatures have not shut down all pastures grass growth, but lack of water is slowing growth. Cotton harvest is beginning.

Charles Simon, Covington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/05/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	94	93	100	98
Cotton - Harvested.....	57	53	77	63
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	95	93	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	93	88	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	74	71	96	86
Soybeans - Harvested	80	74	86	69
Winter wheat - Planted.....	41	33	18	34
Winter wheat - Emerged..	12	2	2	16

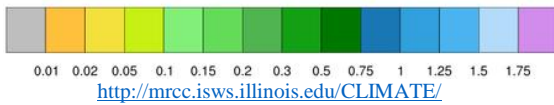
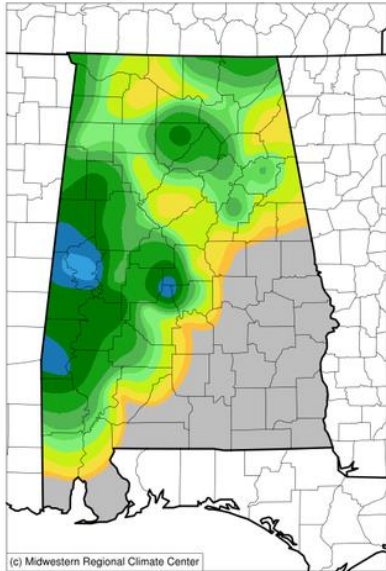
Conditions for Week Ending 11/05/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	19	74	6
Pasture and range	0	3	22	64	11

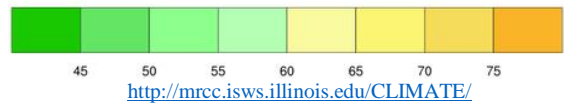
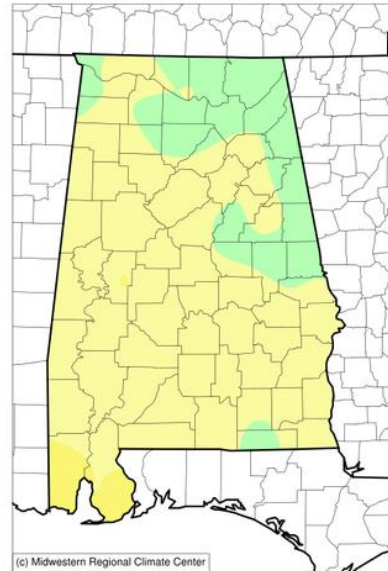
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/05/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	20
Short.....	11	6	25
Adequate	79	84	49
Surplus	10	10	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	13	9	NA
Adequate	80	83	NA
Surplus	7	8	NA

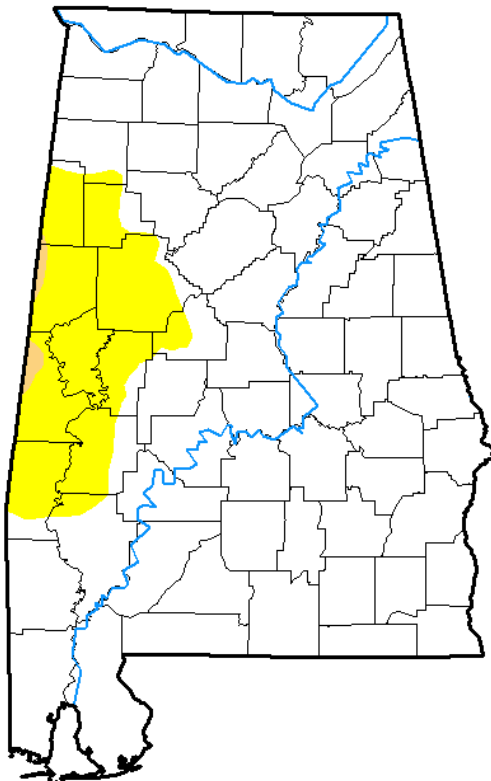
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 30, 2017 to November 05, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
October 30, 2017 to November 05, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 31, 2017
(Released Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	86.42	13.58	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-24-2017	85.82	14.18	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-01-2017	100.00	0.00	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 11-01-2016	0.00	100.00	100.00	74.76	51.91	14.84

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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