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# Alabama Crop Progress and Condition Report

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 12, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.43 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

## County Comments

Peanut harvest is almost over, but with a larger than expected crop some buying points have run out of storage space. Some peanuts are still in the field while other are being shipped to other storage facilities. Cotton harvest is moving along and has passed the midway point. Expectations are that will continue until the end of the month. Thursday's rainfall, which measured half inch, will have minimum effect on harvesting. Pecans are grading good but Hurricane Irma caused nuts to fall off prematurely. This was especially harmful to Stuart trees.
**Willie Durr, Houston County**

Peanut harvest almost complete. Working on cotton acres. Received some much needed rainfall for small grains for grazing purposes.
**James Jones Jr, Henry County**

Cotton harvest going strong. Rain during first part of the week slowed fieldwork for a couple days.
**Jeffery Smith, Elmore County**

Damp conditions slowed harvest of cotton and soybeans. Cleaning up old plastic used for vegetable production.
**Dan Porch, Blount County**

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/12/17

| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening | 99 | 94 | 100 | 99 |
| Cotton - Harvested | 65 | 57 | 81 | 74 |
| Peanuts - Dug | 96 | 93 | NA | NA |
| Peanuts - Harvested | 89 | 74 | 99 | 90 |
| Soybeans - Harvested | 82 | 80 | 90 | 80 |
| Winter wheat - Planted | 53 | 41 | 38 | 49 |
| Winter wheat - Emerged | 29 | 12 | 5 | 24 |

## Conditions for Week Ending 11/12/17

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 0 | 1 | 20 | 71 | 8 |
| Pasture and range | 0 | 4 | 20 | 61 | 15 |

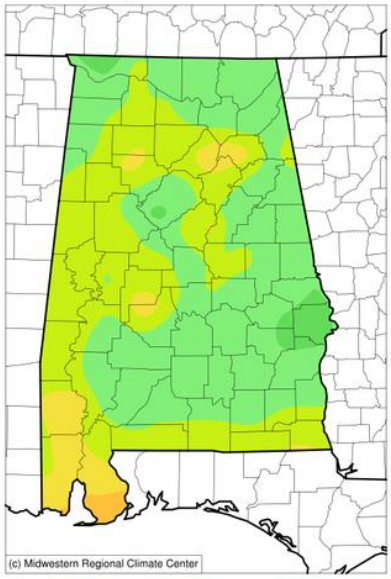
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/12/17

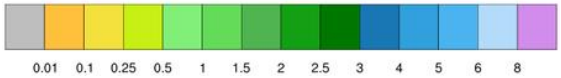
| Topsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Short | 6 | 11 | 25 |
| Adequate | 80 | 79 | 47 |
| Surplus | 14 | 10 | 5 |

| Subsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Short | 6 | 13 | NA |
| Adequate | 79 | 80 | NA |
| Surplus | 15 | 7 | NA |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**

November 06, 2017 to November 12, 2017

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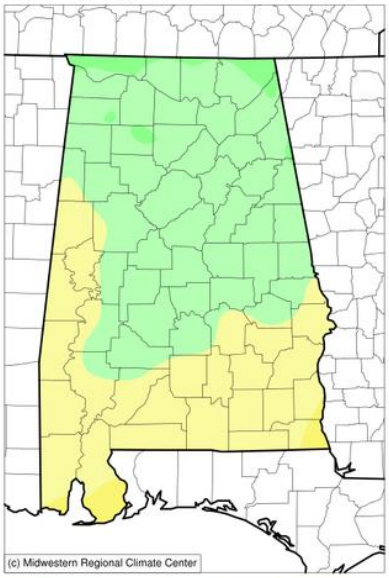
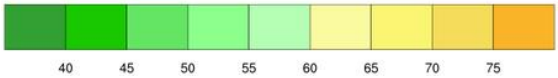
**Average Temperature (°F)**

November 06, 2017 to November 12, 2017

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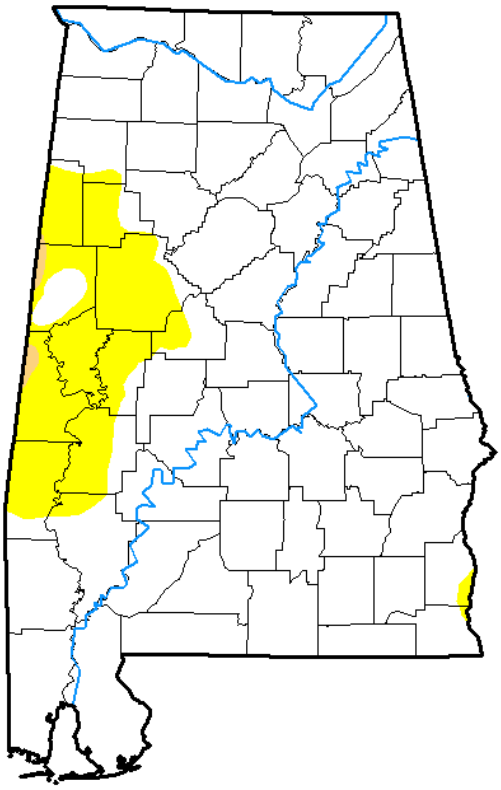
# Alabama



## November 7, 2017

***(Released Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017)***

**Valid 7 a.m. EST**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 86.92 | 13.08 | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *10-31-2017* | 86.42 | 13.58 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *08-08-2017* | 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** *11-08-2016* | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 51.91 | 18.35 |

*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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