



**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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 26, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.32 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 20s to the low 40s.

County Comments

Great weather this past week for fieldwork. However, we are beginning to get fairly dry across the area and could use a rain event on pastures and seeded grain. Row crop harvest is nearly complete.

Dan Porch, Blount County

A week without rainfall led to much progress with respect to crop harvest. Soybean harvest nears completion as cotton harvest gains traction. Annual cool season forages enjoyed the relatively warm days, however a little rain is needed to sustain their growth. Livestock producers continue to provide hay and other supplements while waiting on cool season forages to grow.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Very good conditions for soybean harvest this week. Only a few acres of cotton and soybeans left. No rain at the service center for the week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

We are seeing very dry conditions in the Wiregrass area. We need a good rain to continue wheat and small grain plantings. Dry conditions have already forced some cattlemen to start feeding stored hay to their cattle herds. We are going to see an uptick in cattle going to market. Cotton harvest continues with peanut harvest winding down.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/26/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	79	73	93	90
Peanuts - Harvested	97	94	100	97
Soybeans - Harvested	91	87	NA	NA
Winter wheat - Planted.....	80	67	68	NA
Winter wheat - Emerged..	56	42	12	NA

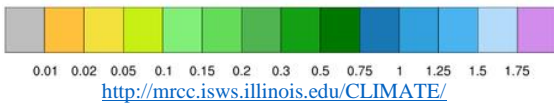
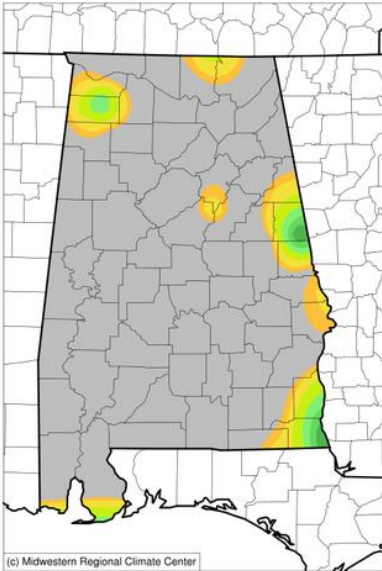
Conditions for Week Ending 11/26/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	17	77	5
Pasture and range	1	6	21	64	8

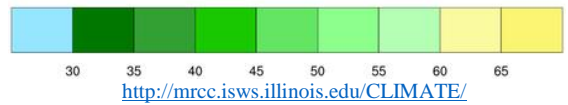
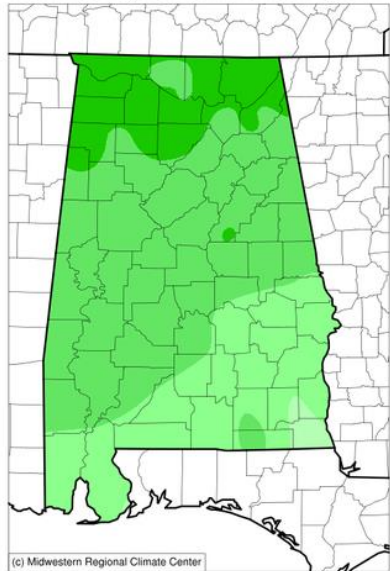
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/26/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	NA
Short.....	23	11	NA
Adequate	67	77	NA
Surplus	8	9	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	3	NA
Short.....	18	10	NA
Adequate	72	76	NA
Surplus	7	11	NA

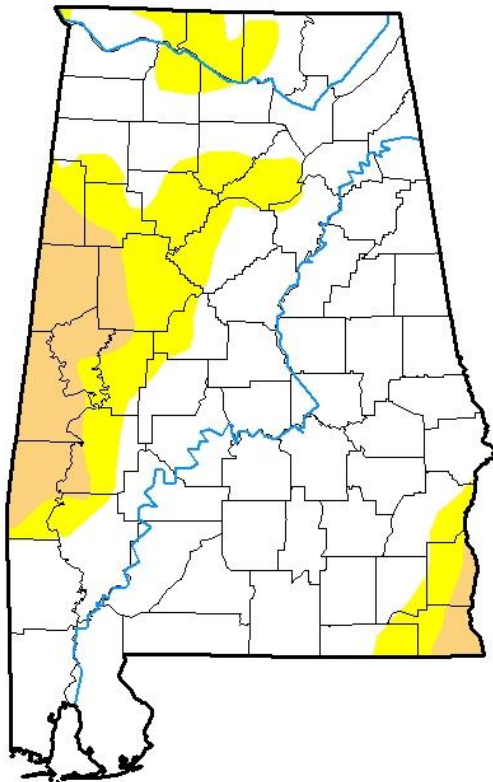
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 20, 2017 to November 26, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
November 20, 2017 to November 26, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



November 21, 2017
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.05	25.95	9.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-14-2017	83.26	16.74	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-22-2017	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 11-22-2016	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.87	82.08	35.38

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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