According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday July 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.74 inches of rain up to 3.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Some places are beginning to receive some rainfall however, many areas still remain in a severe drought.

Tyler Sandlin, Colbert County

Rain showers in the region brought much needed relief from the dry weather. However, much more is needed to provide sufficient growth for hay production. Many livestock producers are feeding hay and other supplements.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

The county has received some much needed scattered rain over the last several days. The crops and grassland that received this rain has responded well. However the rain has been very sporadic and parts of the counties’ crops received little to none of the rain. The corn crop has suffered the most from the recent dry weather. The soybean and cotton crops look like they are going to pull out well if we keep getting a little rain alone.

Zachary Burns, Marshall County

Corn crop maturing rapidly; harvest set to begin on the earlier fields within a few weeks. Cotton layby well underway with most fields lapping the middles.

Jeffery Smith, Elmore County

Corn may have suffered the last week of maturity, but won’t know until harvest time.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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**Intensity**

- D0: Abnormally Dry
- D1: Moderate Drought
- D2: Severe Drought
- D3: Extreme Drought
- D4: Exceptional Drought

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