



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 13, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.02 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Peanuts are being planted at a higher rate than cotton at this time. Cattleman are getting the weedy hay out ahead of fertilizing and rain.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Dry conditions continued across the county. Many farmers who have pivots started irrigation on corn. Some started irrigating to help cotton emerge. Rain is needed. Planting continues as moisture is available.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Extreme dry conditions had pastures in poor shape and caused many row crop farmers to halt planting of crops. Many cattle producers are having to feed hay.

Anthony Wiggins, Baldwin County

A much drier and warmer week provided ideal conditions for farm activities. Rain is needed for growing conditions to remain favorable.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Cotton and soybean planting still ongoing. Moisture is becoming an issue with no significant rain. Fields are dry and dusty; non-irrigated corn need rain for side dress; emerging cotton need moisture badly. Pastures dry.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/13/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	96	88	96	97
Corn - Emerged	81	67	88	82
Cotton - Planted.....	55	32	56	44
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	55	33	52	NA
Peanuts - Planted	51	30	36	27
Soybeans - Planted	33	15	46	29
Soybeans - Emerged	10	NA	7	14
Winter wheat - Headed	97	91	94	92
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	NA	1	2

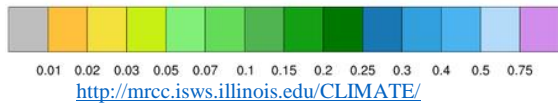
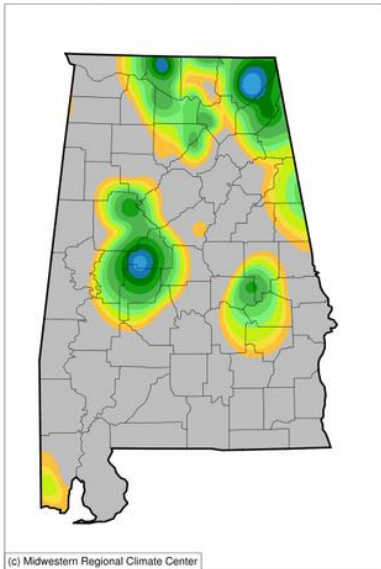
Conditions for Week Ending 05/13/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	15	77	5
Corn	0	1	16	72	11
Pasture and range	1	6	21	68	4
Winter wheat.....	0	1	27	66	6

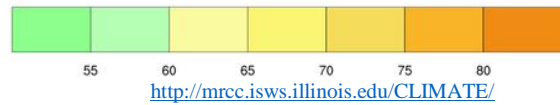
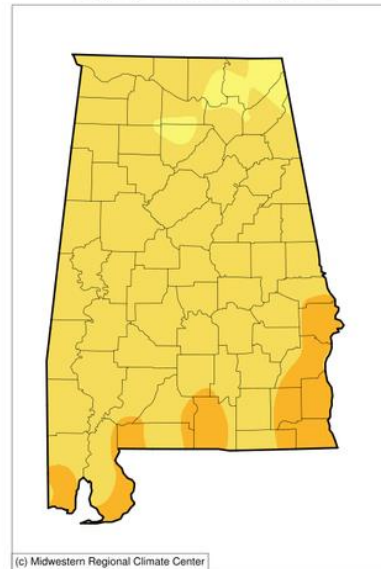
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/13/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	6	2
Short.....	34	21	18
Adequate	47	65	64
Surplus	4	8	16
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	2	NA
Short.....	30	13	NA
Adequate	59	76	NA
Surplus	6	9	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 8, 2018

(Released Thursday, May 10, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	67.91	32.09	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-01-2018	73.05	26.95	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-06-2018	0.00	100.00	86.02	39.67	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-09-2017	43.95	56.05	28.07	1.50	0.00	0.00

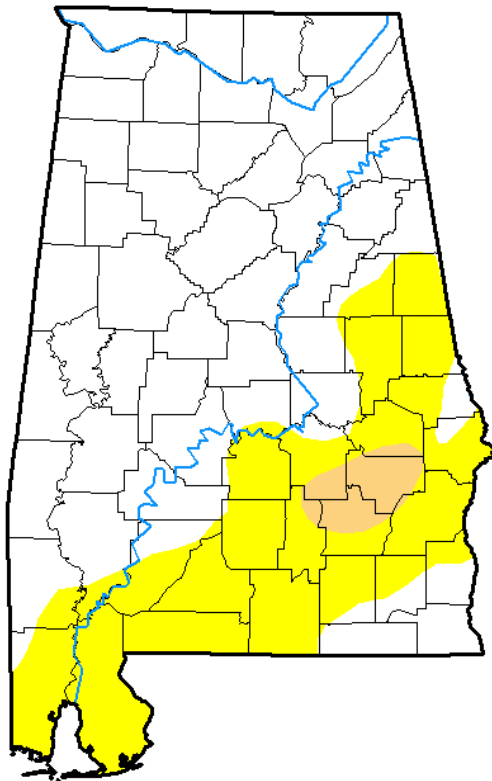
Intensity:

- 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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