



**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, May 20, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.04 inches of rain up to 3.79 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Rain showers were a hit and miss around the county this week providing much needed relief for crops and forages. Cotton planting picked up a fast pace as hay harvest was slightly hindered by rainfall.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Light to heavy rainfall fell over most of the Wiregrass. Wet conditions kept tractors and planters out of the field most of the week. Good moisture has helped the quality pasture and cattle.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

Planting continued this week and many are close to finishing cotton and peanuts. Dry conditions remained across the area and famers are irrigating corn.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

Dry weather continued to plague pastures and fields.

**Jimmy Smitherman, Montgomery County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/20/18**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged .....	95	81	97	91
Cotton - Planted.....	67	55	73	63
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	70	55	68	56
Peanuts - Planted .....	65	51	55	44
Soybeans - Planted .....	43	33	62	42
Soybeans - Emerged .....	36	10	22	21
Winter wheat - Harvested	7	0	5	6

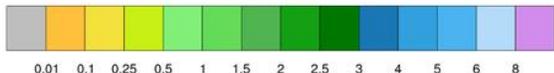
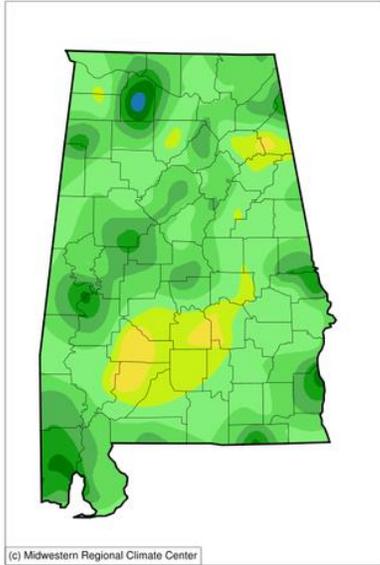
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/20/18**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	15	75	5
Corn .....	1	2	17	68	12
Cotton.....	4	7	29	57	3
Pasture and range .....	3	7	21	65	4
Peanuts .....	2	2	40	56	0
Winter wheat.....	0	1	24	67	8

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/20/18**

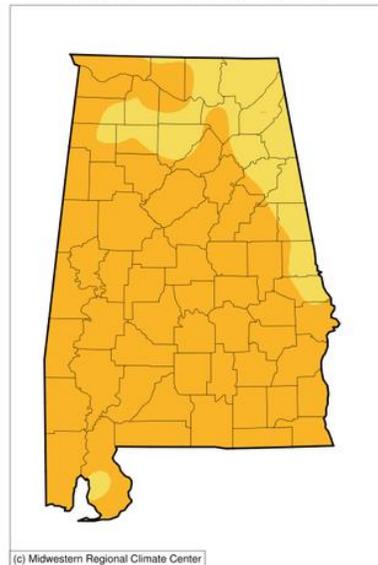
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	15	3
Short.....	30	34	17
Adequate .....	60	47	65
Surplus .....	5	4	15
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5	NA
Short.....	30	30	NA
Adequate .....	59	59	NA
Surplus .....	7	6	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 14, 2018 to May 20, 2018



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 14, 2018 to May 20, 2018



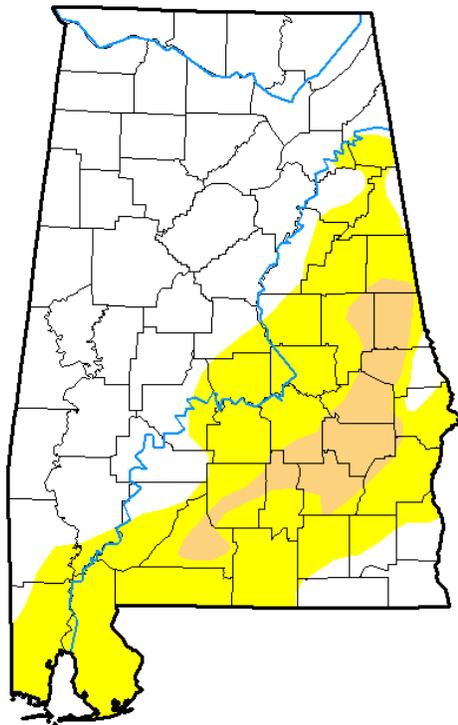
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	60.10	39.90	7.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-08-2018	67.91	32.09	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-13-2018	12.64	87.36	37.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-16-2017	40.58	59.42	28.94	1.19	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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