



**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 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 27, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 7.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Soybean planting continued as scattered showers occurred throughout the week. Subtropical storm Alberto brought additional rain and wind to the county. Some hay cutting has been delayed due to rain which will result in lowered hay quality.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Rain has slowed the planting of peanuts and cotton. Grasses for hay and grazing are good at this time. Some producers may have to replant some of their fields due to excess rain.

Carol Nicholson, Pike County

Wet field conditions kept most fieldwork to a minimum, there are some cotton and soybeans left to plant. Subtropical system brought wind and heavy rain to area leaving field ponding especially in low spots. Producers will have to re-evaluate stands next week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Rain continues to fall throughout the Wiregrass which has put all fieldwork on hold for now. Some produce will be available at Farmer's Markets soon.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/27/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	1	NA	2	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	76	67	83	77
Cotton - Squaring.....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	79	70	79	72
Peanuts - Planted.....	70	65	71	65
Soybeans - Planted.....	54	43	65	52
Soybeans - Emerged.....	41	36	40	35
Winter wheat - Harvested	11	7	16	13

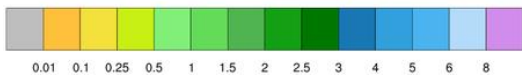
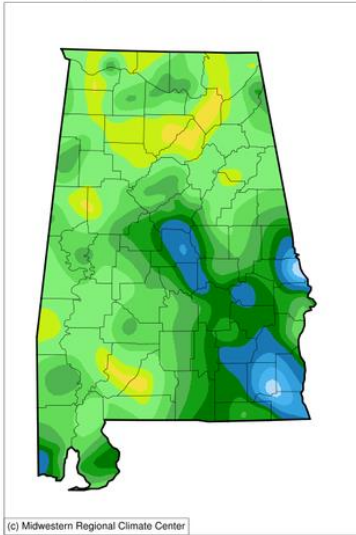
Conditions for Week Ending 05/27/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	14	76	8
Corn.....	1	1	18	68	12
Cotton.....	5	13	23	56	3
Pasture and range.....	0	3	17	71	9
Peanuts.....	2	13	41	43	1
Winter wheat.....	1	3	24	65	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/27/18

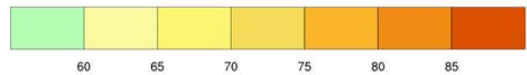
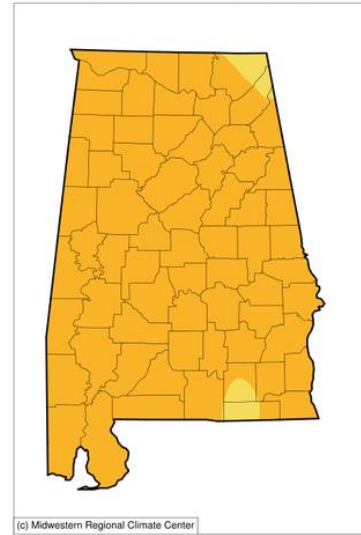
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	5	4
Short.....	7	30	18
Adequate.....	69	60	63
Surplus.....	23	5	15
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	4	NA
Short.....	10	30	NA
Adequate.....	70	59	NA
Surplus.....	20	7	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 21, 2018 to May 27, 2018



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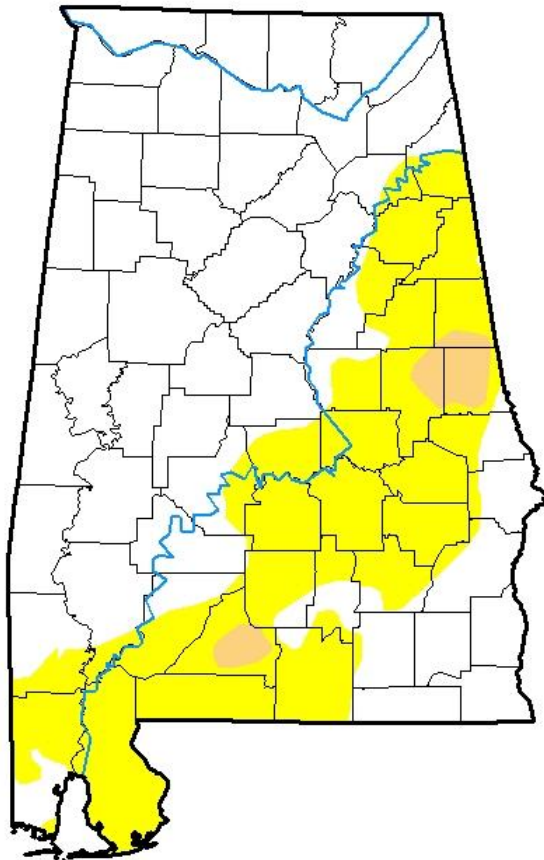
Average Temperature (°F)
May 21, 2018 to May 27, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 22, 2018
(Released Thursday, May 24, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.04	33.96	1.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-15-2018</i>	60.10	39.90	7.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-20-2018</i>	36.40	63.60	24.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-23-2017</i>	77.96	22.04	1.76	0.00	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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