



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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 3.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

We received some pop-up showers over the past week but no widespread rainfall. Soil is drying out very fast due to the excessive heat we are experiencing.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

This week was relatively drier, which resulted in haying activities resuming and corn being irrigated. Soybean fungicide applications have become necessary due to recent rainfall and high humidity. Pasture mowing and haying activities picked up this week as forages flourished from recent rainfall.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Scattered showers continue with some locations getting heavy rainfall, others none. High moisture levels increasing disease levels in vegetable and fruit crops.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Corn throughout the area is starting to dry down. Cotton and peanut crops are looking good. Rain has been scattered the past week and some areas need a good shower. Some folks are irrigating their crops now.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Showers continue to be scattered throughout the county. Some parts of the county need rain. Producers are spraying as they can. Most second cuttings of hay are complete.

Gavin Mauldin, Coffee County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/15/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	93	90	95	94
Corn - Mature	3	0	15	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	71	65	75	83
Cotton - Setting Bolls	46	28	32	33
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	66	53	42	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	64	62	58	61
Soybeans - Emerged	95	93	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming.....	58	42	60	51
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	12	0	NA	NA

Conditions for Week Ending 07/15/18

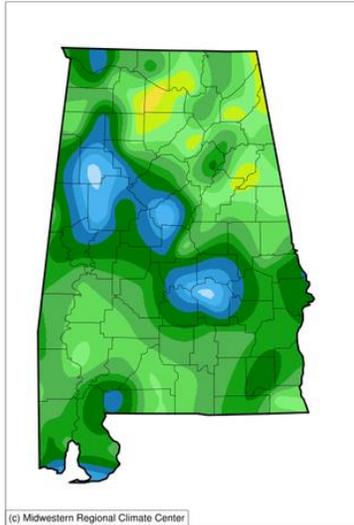
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	14	75	10
Corn	0	0	8	59	33
Cotton.....	0	1	17	62	20
Pasture and range	0	1	9	70	20
Peanuts	0	3	24	67	6
Soybeans	0	0	7	70	23

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/15/18

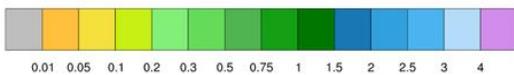
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	NA
Short.....	10	7	NA
Adequate	76	79	NA
Surplus	12	13	NA

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	0	NA
Short.....	11	7	NA
Adequate	80	83	NA
Surplus	8	10	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 09, 2018 to July 15, 2018

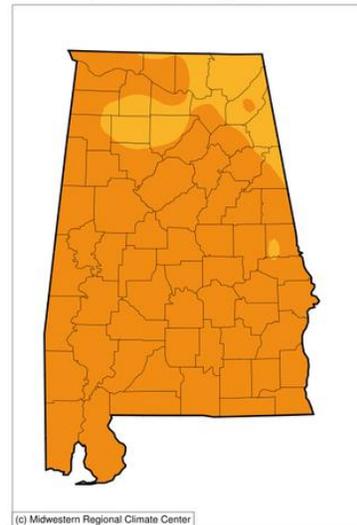


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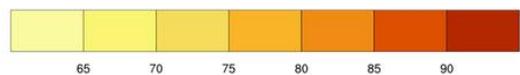


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Average Temperature (°F)
July 09, 2018 to July 15, 2018



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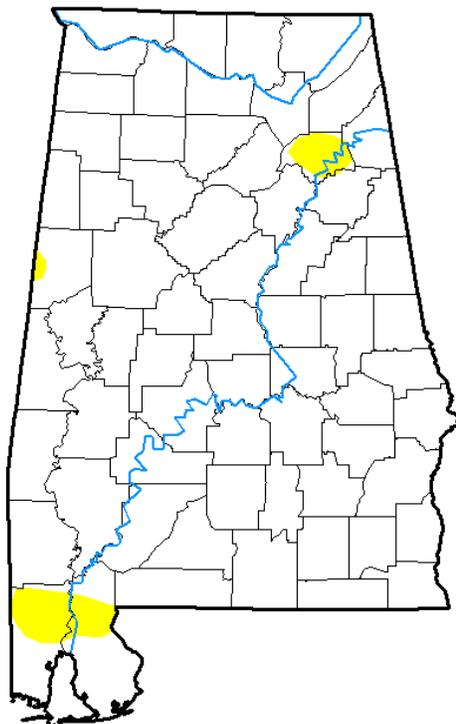
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 10, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-03-2018</i>	96.31	3.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-10-2018</i>	59.53	40.47	13.94	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>07-11-2017</i>	99.95	0.05	0.00	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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