



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 22, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from zero inches of rain up to 3.6 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

Hot dry weather for most of this area has allowed for harvesting hay. Some scattered showers this week, but few and far between. Row crops are looking good at this time.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Scattered showers brought timely rainfall to portions of the county this week. Bermuda grass, stem maggot and fall armyworm were reported in a few hayfields. Fungicide sprays continued in soybeans.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Rainfall has been feast or famine for much of this years growing season. Some areas in Houston County have not received significant rainfall in over a month, while other areas are getting rainfall weekly. We are also dealing with three week splits in planting cotton and peanuts. Overall crops are looking good so far.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/22/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	97	93	NA	NA
Corn - Mature	39	3	44	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	84	71	79	88
Cotton - Setting Bolls	59	46	43	49
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	76	66	67	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	82	64	79	72
Soybeans - Blooming.....	76	58	72	61
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	40	12	37	31

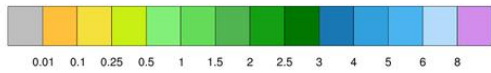
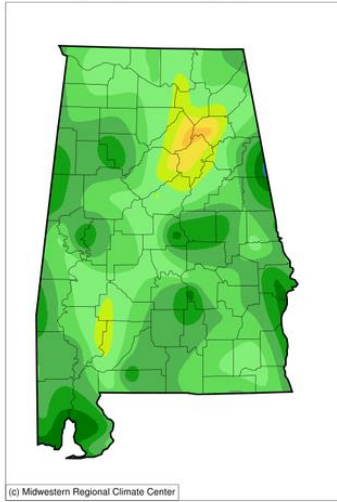
Conditions for Week Ending 07/22/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	15	74	10
Corn	0	0	8	59	33
Cotton.....	0	1	17	62	20
Pasture and range	0	1	13	66	20
Peanuts	0	2	24	67	7
Soybeans	0	0	6	72	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/22/18

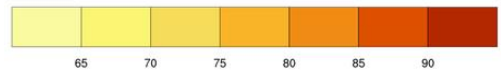
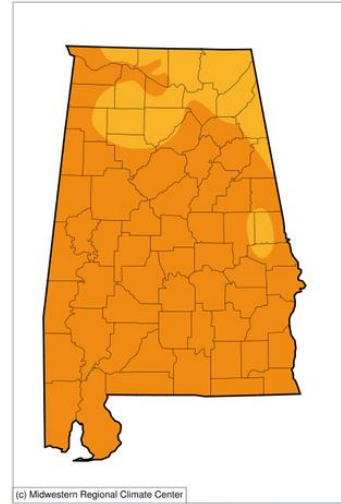
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	NA
Short.....	14	10	NA
Adequate	78	76	NA
Surplus	7	12	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	13	11	NA
Adequate	80	80	NA
Surplus	6	8	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 16, 2018 to July 22, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
July 16, 2018 to July 22, 2018



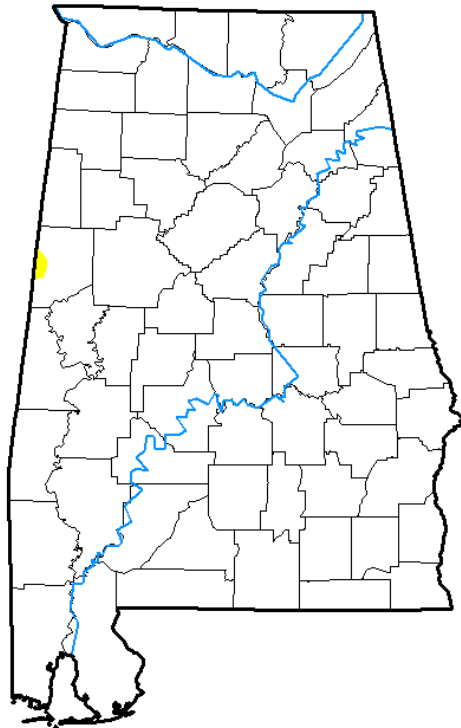
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 17, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.87	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-10-2018	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-17-2018	77.01	22.99	2.64	0.00	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 07-18-2017	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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