



**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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from zero inches of rain up to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

The corn crop is made. All crops look really good at the moment. Cotton and soybeans will greatly benefit from the rainfall predicted for this week.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Corn is starting to dry down. We did not receive any rain this week. Double crop soybeans are struggling. Good week for getting hay in the barn. All crops could use a soaker.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Dry conditions across the area; lack of water beginning to impact later planted soybeans. Lots of hay cut and rolled this week.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Dry and hot this week, irrigations systems running on cotton. Corn drying down, could see some shelling begin in the next few weeks.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Spotty rain, corn beginning to dry down, cotton blooming and peanut rows are beginning to overlap. Crops look good, cattle are fat and life is good.

Charles Simon, Covington County

Spotty showers hampered some field work this past week. Hay cuttings are at a standstill due to dog days. Corn is maturing rapidly. Peanuts and cotton are in peak flowering and fruit set. Both crops need rain.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/29/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	52	39	65	33
Cotton - Squaring.....	89	84	82	91
Cotton - Setting Bolls	72	59	52	66
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	85	76	77	NA
Peanuts - Pegging	90	82	85	80
Soybeans - Blooming.....	80	76	80	72
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	55	40	49	45

Conditions for Week Ending 07/29/18

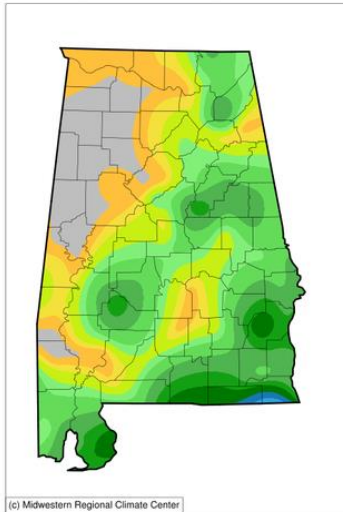
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	15	73	11
Corn	0	0	9	60	31
Cotton.....	0	0	15	66	19
Pasture and range	0	1	15	66	18
Peanuts	0	0	16	76	8
Soybeans	0	0	7	67	26

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/29/18

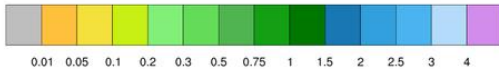
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	1	NA
Short.....	23	14	NA
Adequate	70	78	NA
Surplus	4	7	NA

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	1	NA
Short.....	21	13	NA
Adequate	72	80	NA
Surplus	4	6	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 23, 2018 to July 29, 2018

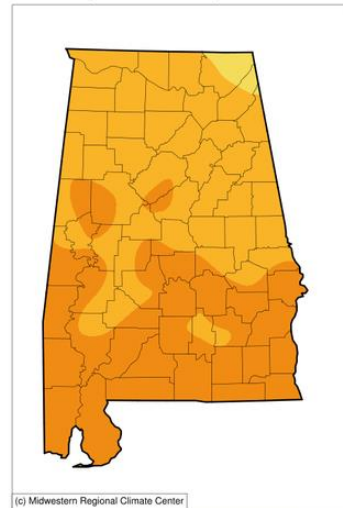


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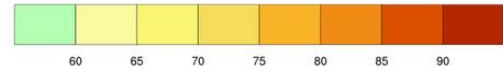


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Average Temperature (°F)
July 23, 2018 to July 29, 2018

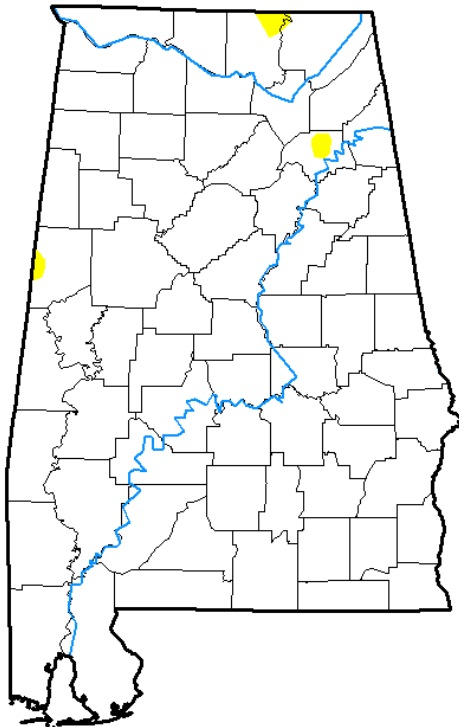


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



July 24, 2018

(Released Thursday, Jul. 26, 2018)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.44	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-17-2018	99.87	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-24-2018	75.37	24.63	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 07-25-2017	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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