



**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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 5, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.95 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Still hot and dry. Double crop beans are hurting bad in this heat and dry weather. Cotton, soybeans and pastures starting to stress. Fall tomatoes are struggling.

**Tim Malone, Marion County,**

Much needed rain. Hay and pasture management activities continued. All crops are in good condition with corn beginning to dry.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

This week rainfall was just what row crop farmers and cattlemen needed. Most peanuts and cotton are in the fruiting stage and require moisture to mature. Grazing is still adequate for cattle to get their nutrition needs met. Hay quality may suffer as a result of the rainfall especially hay laying on the ground.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

All crops look good at this time. Pasture and hay fields are doing really well and livestock looks good also.

**Carol Nicholson, Pike County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/05/18**

| Crop stage                   | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                              | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Mature .....          | 71        | 52        | 77        | 44         |
| Cotton - Squaring.....       | 91        | 89        | 92        | 96         |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls ..... | 77        | 72        | 72        | 78         |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening.....  | 1         | NA        | 0         | 0          |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting.....       | 93        | 85        | 85        | NA         |
| Peanuts - Pegging.....       | 92        | 90        | 90        | 85         |
| Soybeans - Blooming.....     | 86        | 80        | 88        | 81         |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods .    | 65        | 55        | 59        | 57         |

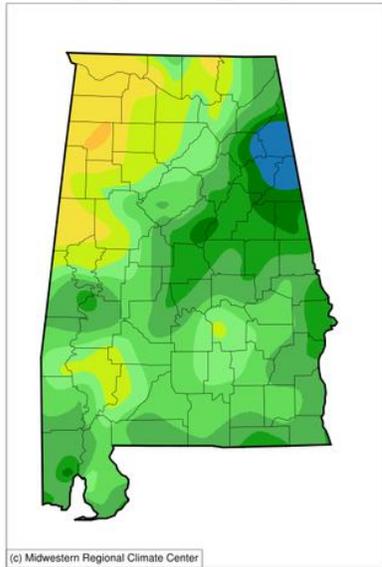
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/05/18**

| Crop                    | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....             | 0         | 1         | 11        | 78        | 10        |
| Corn.....               | 0         | 0         | 8         | 63        | 29        |
| Cotton.....             | 0         | 0         | 17        | 69        | 14        |
| Pasture and range ..... | 0         | 1         | 13        | 70        | 16        |
| Peanuts.....            | 0         | 1         | 26        | 68        | 5         |
| Soybeans.....           | 0         | 0         | 8         | 74        | 18        |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/05/18**

| Topsoil         | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
|                 | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short..... | 3         | 3             | NA         |
| Short.....      | 19        | 23            | NA         |
| Adequate.....   | 72        | 70            | NA         |
| Surplus.....    | 6         | 4             | NA         |
| Subsoil         | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|                 | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short..... | 2         | 3             | NA         |
| Short.....      | 16        | 21            | NA         |
| Adequate.....   | 76        | 72            | NA         |
| Surplus.....    | 6         | 4             | NA         |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 30, 2018 to August 05, 2018



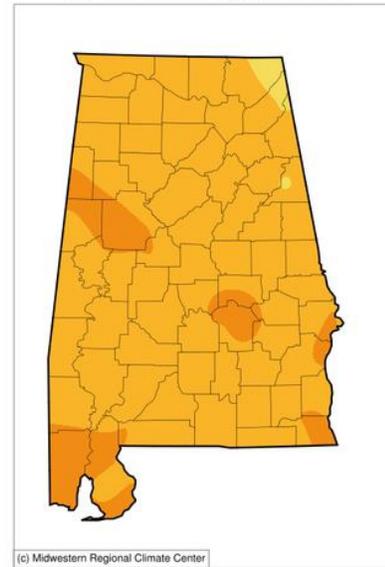
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 30, 2018 to August 05, 2018



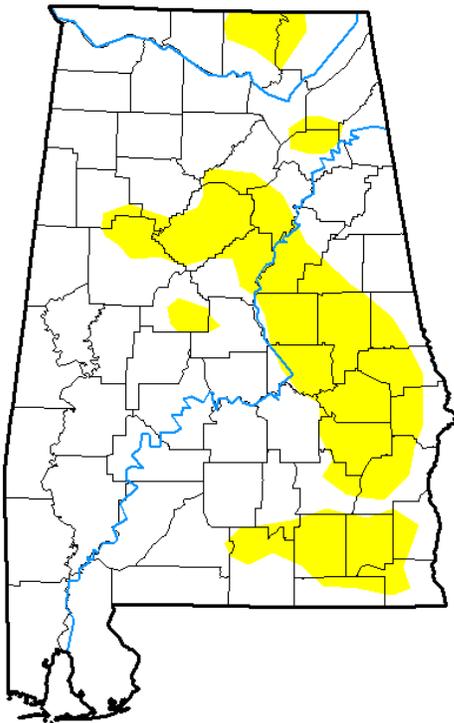
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**July 31, 2018**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 77.27  | 22.73 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>07-24-2018              | 99.44  | 0.56  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>05-01-2018           | 73.05  | 26.95 | 2.64  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2018 | 19.01  | 80.99 | 26.60 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-26-2017    | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>08-01-2017           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 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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