



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, August 19, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.34 inches of rain up to 2.21 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Corn harvest came to a halt earlier this week due to rains. Other crops are continuing to progress and are looking good thanks to recent rainfall. Some dry weather is needed.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

Rainfall was spotty for most of the Wiregrass area this week. Some row crop farmers were able to harvest corn early in the week. Fungicide and insecticide applications were made. Cattlemen were also able to cut and roll hay early week as well.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

Corn and hay harvest continued this week with a few days delayed due to weather. The widely scattered rain was welcomed in some locations and other locations are showing signs of dry weather and heat stress in forage crops.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Much needed rainfall. Additional scattered showers covered much of the area the weekend increasing soil moisture to an adequate level. Some soybeans varieties beginning to defoliate; corn continuing to dry down. Harvesting apples and soil preparation underway for annual hill strawberry production.

**Dan Porch, Blount County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/19/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	86	78	94	66
Corn - Harvested .....	11	2	15	10
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	92	89	96	95
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	22	10	5	9
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	98	97	95	96
Soybeans - Blooming.....	94	92	96	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	78	73	76	75

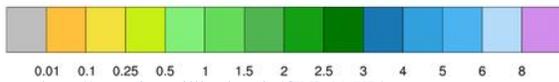
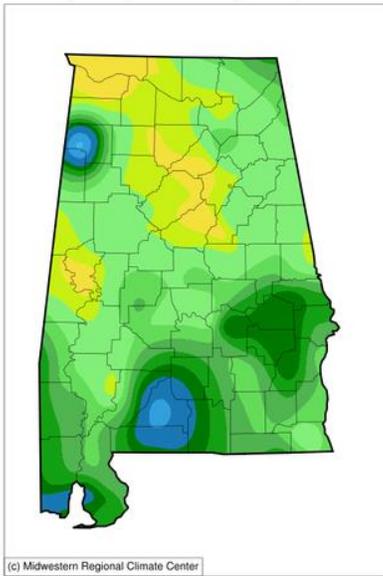
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/19/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	16	77	6
Corn.....	0	0	10	62	28
Cotton.....	0	0	14	69	17
Pasture and range .....	0	1	14	72	13
Peanuts .....	0	2	22	59	17
Soybeans .....	0	0	17	77	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/19/18**

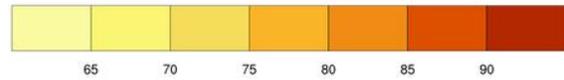
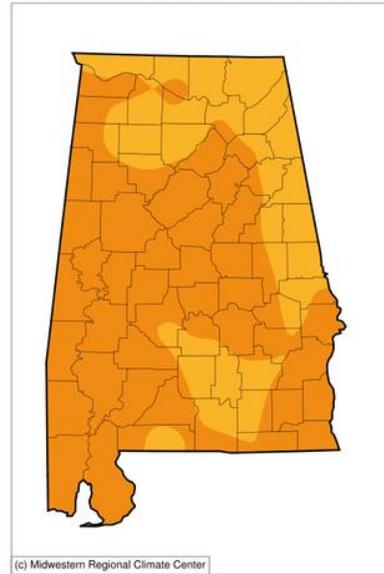
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	20	22	NA
Adequate .....	74	74	NA
Surplus .....	5	3	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	1	NA
Short.....	14	15	NA
Adequate .....	80	80	NA
Surplus .....	5	4	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018



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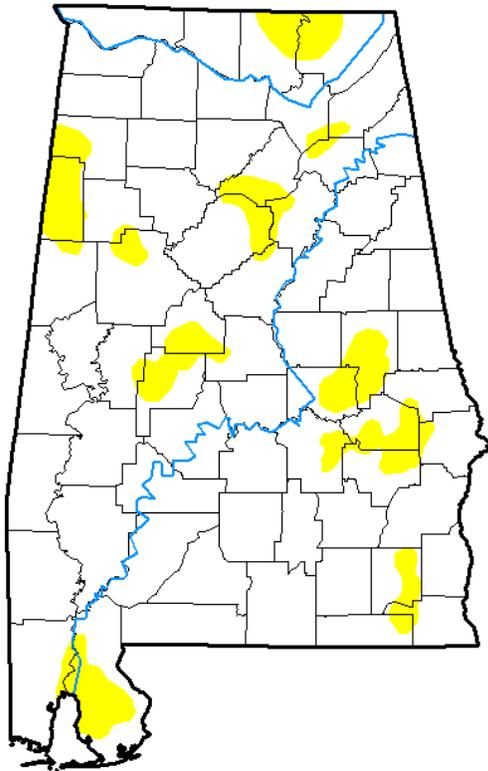
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 14, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	88.83	11.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-07-2018</i>	91.13	8.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-15-2018</i>	60.10	39.90	7.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-15-2017</i>	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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