



**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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.06 inches of rain up to 3.33 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Bone dry from top to bottom. Some hay still being cut and harvested. Cotton defoliation underway, corn harvest continued, early soybeans harvested. Too dry to dig peanuts. Some vegetable harvests continued, especially tomatoes and apples.

**Dan Porch, Blount County**

We received another couple of inches of rain this week, which has delayed digging peanuts as well as caused some problems for cotton that had opened near the bottom. Pastures seem to be good.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

Some parts of the county received much need rain. Corn harvest should get in full swing this week. Some peanuts were dug. Vegetable crops were winding down.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Dry conditions continued. Farmers started defoliating cotton. Peanut digging and harvest will begin in the next few days.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/16/18**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	78	64	76	59
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	67	54	49	53
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	0	2	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	73	64	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	3	1	14	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	0	0	1	2
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	64	43	44	44
Soybeans - Harvested .....	3	0	NA	NA

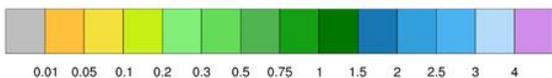
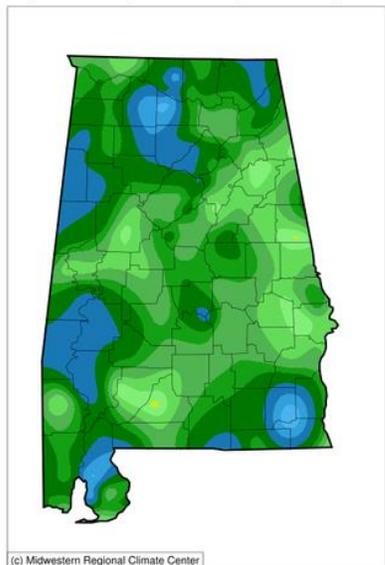
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/16/18**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	14	78	5
Cotton.....	1	1	18	62	18
Pasture and range .....	1	4	17	68	10
Peanuts .....	1	1	15	63	20
Soybeans .....	0	1	22	72	5

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/16/18**

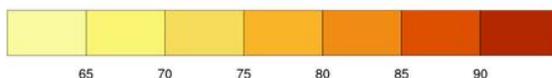
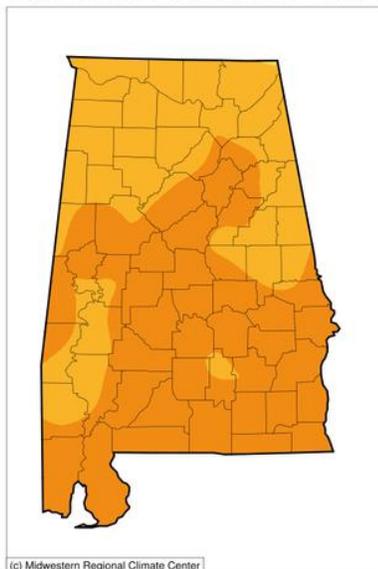
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	NA
Short.....	24	25	NA
Adequate .....	65	56	NA
Surplus .....	8	17	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	NA
Short.....	26	23	NA
Adequate .....	66	65	NA
Surplus .....	4	10	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018



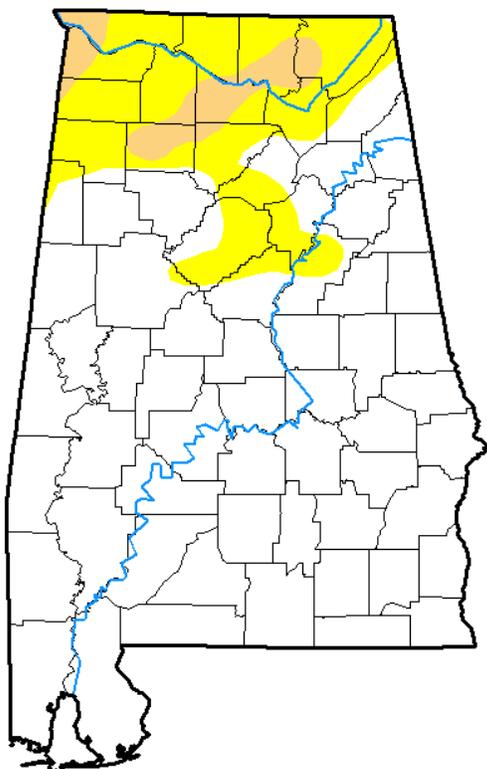
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**September 11, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 13, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.38	20.62	3.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-04-2018	79.37	20.63	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-12-2018	93.10	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-12-2017	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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