



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 23, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.17 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Another very dry week for the county with only a few scattered, light rain events. The lack of rain and warm conditions has benefited crop harvest activities but has hindered grazing activities. Many livestock operations have been providing supplemental feed. Rain is needed to support cool-season pastures.

Henry Dorrough, Talladega County

All cropland in the county is drying out rapidly due to extreme heat and no rainfall. Most pastures have little to no grass for livestock to eat and ponds are drying up.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

The week was very hot and mostly dry with few scattered showers in the area. Harvest for most crops continued. Cotton defoliation continued. Preparation was underway for annual hill strawberry planting.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Peanut harvest was is in full swing in the Wiregrass area. Soil moisture starting to get low so we need a good rain. Some defoliation took place in cotton as the late planted cotton begins to open.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	86	78	88	74
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	77	67	59	66
Cotton - Harvested.....	2	0	3	3
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	81	73	37	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	19	3	25	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	4	0	7	9
Soybeans - Dropping	73	64	53	57
Leaves.....				
Soybeans - Harvested	13	3	10	14

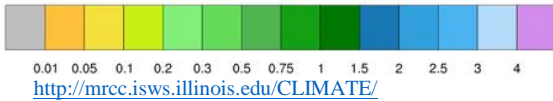
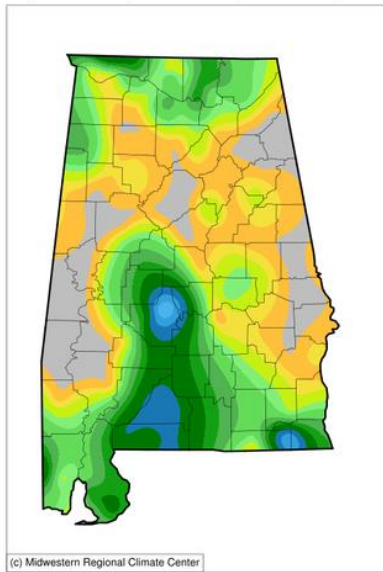
Conditions for Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	14	79	5
Cotton.....	0	0	18	65	17
Pasture and range	3	6	20	61	10
Peanuts	0	1	18	61	20
Soybeans	0	2	21	73	4

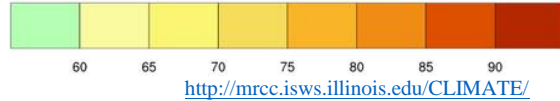
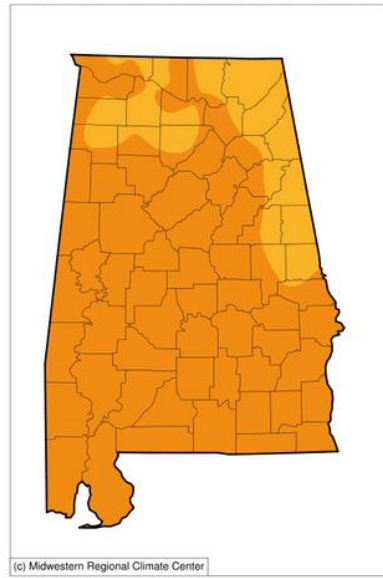
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/23/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	3	NA
Short.....	30	24	NA
Adequate	56	65	NA
Surplus	7	8	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	4	NA
Short.....	26	26	NA
Adequate	64	66	NA
Surplus	3	4	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 17, 2018 to September 23, 2018

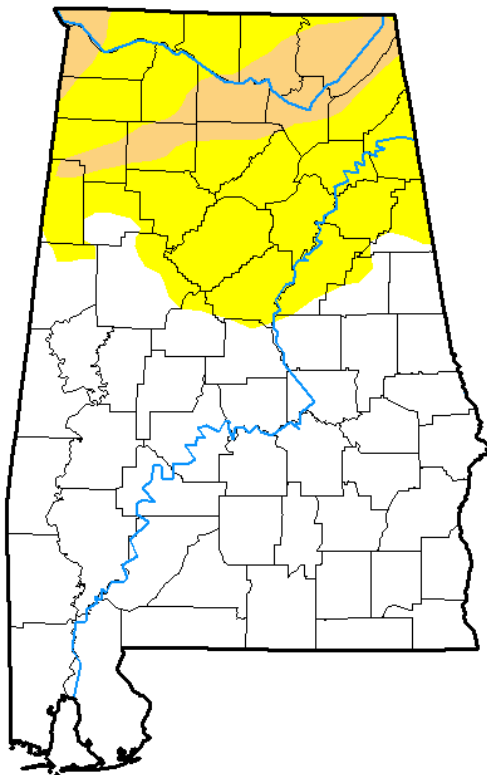


Average Temperature (°F)
September 17, 2018 to September 23, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 18, 2018
(Released Thursday, Sep. 20, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.20	34.80	8.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-11-2018	79.38	20.62	3.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-19-2018	90.46	9.54	0.00	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 09-19-2017	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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