



United States Department of Agriculture
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Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 30, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.84 inches of rain up to 3.43 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Received some much-needed rainfall. Peanut harvest to resume this week. Some cotton was defoliated and harvest to begin this week. Some small grains for grazing planted in the last week.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

Scattered rainfall throughout the Wiregrass put the brakes on peanut harvesting and other field activities. However, rainfall was much needed to aid in harvesting and fruiting. We anticipate fieldwork to resume early this week.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Harvest efforts continued. We received much-needed rain. Farmers were having trouble digging peanuts. Cotton harvest started and is making good progress.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Much needed rainfall across the county. Crop harvest was halted by the rain but should be at full speed again in the coming week. Corn harvest is complete with very good yields reported. Soybean harvest has begun. Earlier planted cool-season forages were emerging thanks to rainfall.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/30/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	91	86	93	84
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	83	77	69	75
Cotton - Harvested.....	5	2	6	8
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	85	81	65	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	28	19	42	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	18	4	23	20
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	81	73	68	69
Soybeans - Harvested	18	13	21	22
Winter wheat - Planted.....	0	NA	1	2

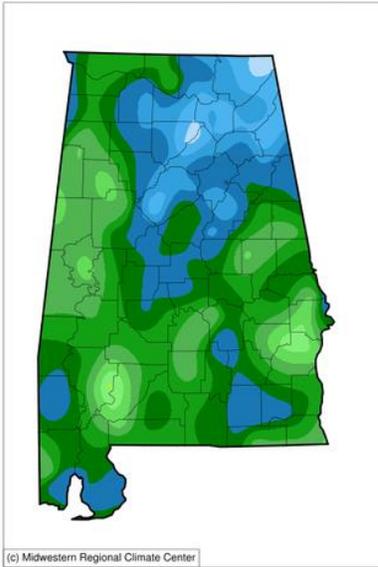
Conditions for Week Ending 09/30/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	17	77	4
Cotton.....	0	2	21	58	19
Pasture and range	1	3	22	65	9
Peanuts	0	5	21	54	20
Soybeans	0	2	23	71	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/30/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	7	NA
Short.....	5	30	NA
Adequate.....	70	56	NA
Surplus	25	7	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	7	NA
Short.....	9	26	NA
Adequate	79	64	NA
Surplus	12	3	NA

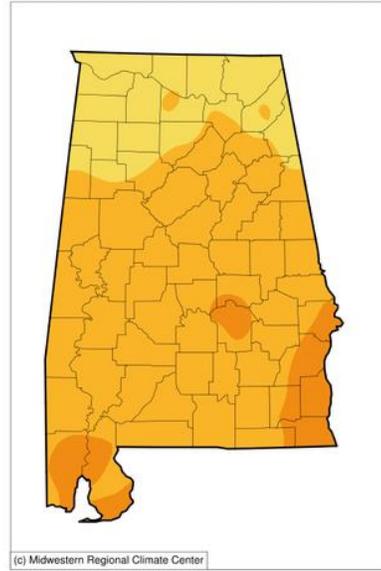
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018

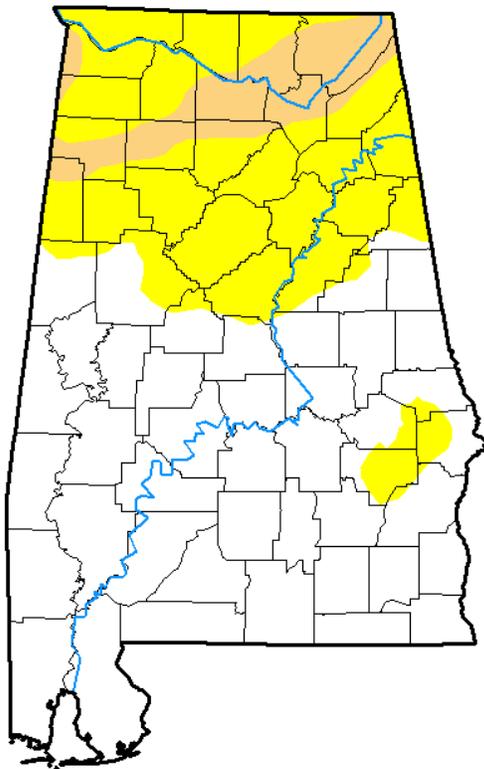


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-18-2018	65.20	34.80	8.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-26-2018	90.94	9.06	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 09-26-2017	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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