



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 14, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.60 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Hurricane Michael destroyed the cotton crops and left peanuts in a volatile state with destruction of local buying points and warehouses.

Bobby Beasley, Henry County

Grasses, soybean, and corn crops are drying rapidly due to heat and no rain. County had a good weather week for harvesting crops.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

Hurricane Michael caused a great deal of damage to the cotton crop in the area. Peanuts seemed to fare well from the storm in our area.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Hurricane Michael damaged the cotton crop across the county. Peanuts were less affected, but we will learn more at harvest. Timber, pecan, and minor crops were also affected and damaged. Cattle fences were down across the county.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

Harvest is in full swing and going well. Pastures were improving with the rain and cooler temperatures.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	97	94	98	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	90	88	86	88
Cotton - Harvested.....	28	19	31	31
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	95	89	85	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	63	46	72	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	46	28	59	52
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	93	90	91	88
Soybeans - Harvested	46	24	42	39
Winter wheat - Planted.....	15	6	11	10

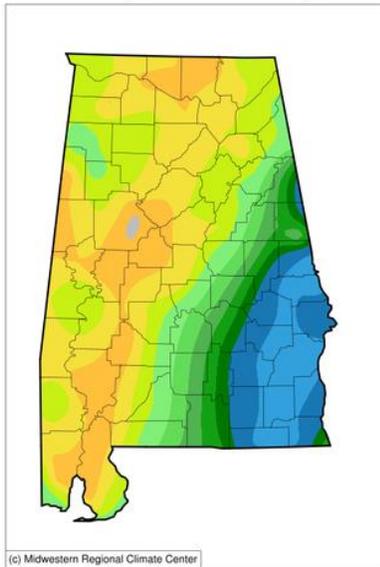
Conditions for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	15	78	5
Cotton.....	4	8	25	49	14
Pasture and range	3	3	16	68	10
Peanuts	0	6	35	45	14
Soybeans	0	3	30	59	8

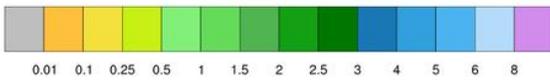
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/14/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	NA
Short.....	8	11	NA
Adequate.....	84	83	NA
Surplus	6	5	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	NA
Short.....	6	10	NA
Adequate	86	84	NA
Surplus	6	5	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 08, 2018 to October 14, 2018

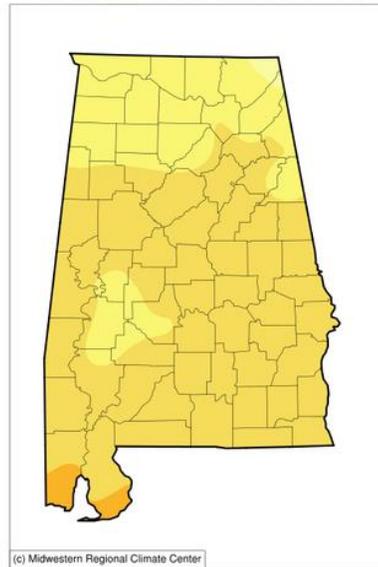


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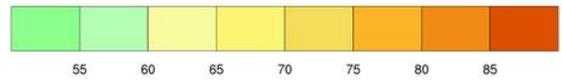


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Average Temperature (°F)
October 08, 2018 to October 14, 2018

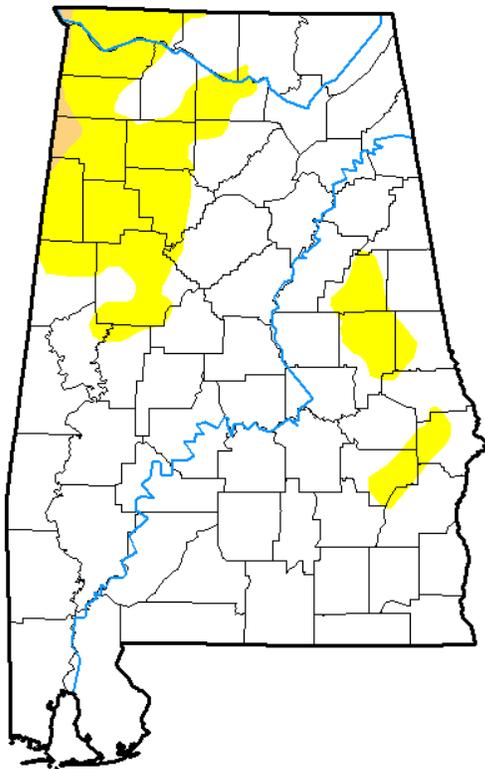


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 9, 2018
(Released Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.30	17.70	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-02-2018	87.47	12.53	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-10-2018	97.20	2.80	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 09-25-2018	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-10-2017	95.31	4.69	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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