



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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 28, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.34 inches of rain up to 1.90 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 60s.

County Comments

A good week for harvest with a few late-week showers halting fieldwork. Cotton and soybean yields have been good; however, a few producers reported lint loss from winds from Hurricane Michael.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Peanut harvesting continued throughout the Wiregrass area with some delays due to late-week rainfall. Cotton losses in Houston County were significant with damage at nearly 100 percent from Hurricane Michael. Very little of the cotton left in the field can be harvested. Timber damage is enormous with nearly all the pecans on the ground prematurely.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Cotton producers have experienced a significant loss in cotton due to Hurricane Michael.

Cathy Blackburn, Chambers County

Monroe County producers were reporting a significant decrease in yields on cotton and peanuts due to rain received the last of September and beginning of October. Soybeans were poor due to more rain than usual. Pastures were soggy.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/28/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	95	93	92	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	50	41	52	53
Peanuts - Dug.....	87	77	87	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	74	63	70	77
Soybeans - Harvested.....	61	55	73	64
Winter wheat - Planted.....	19	17	31	26
Winter wheat - Emerged..	2	0	2	8

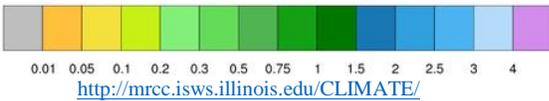
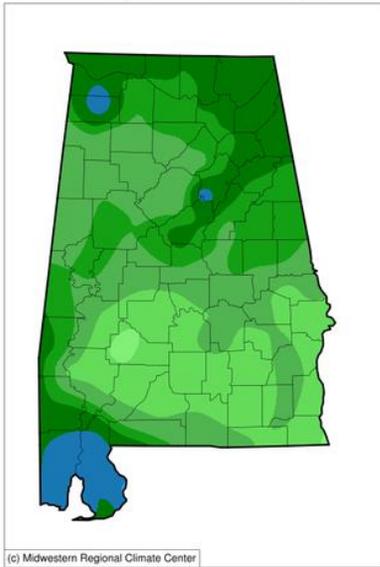
Conditions for Week Ending 10/28/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	18	75	5
Cotton.....	7	18	15	48	12
Pasture and range.....	3	6	22	59	10

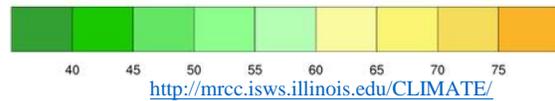
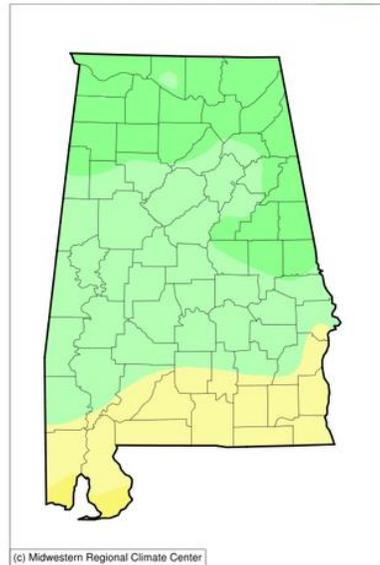
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/28/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	2	NA
Short.....	6	7	NA
Adequate.....	85	87	NA
Surplus.....	5	4	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	1	NA
Short.....	6	6	NA
Adequate.....	84	89	NA
Surplus.....	6	4	NA

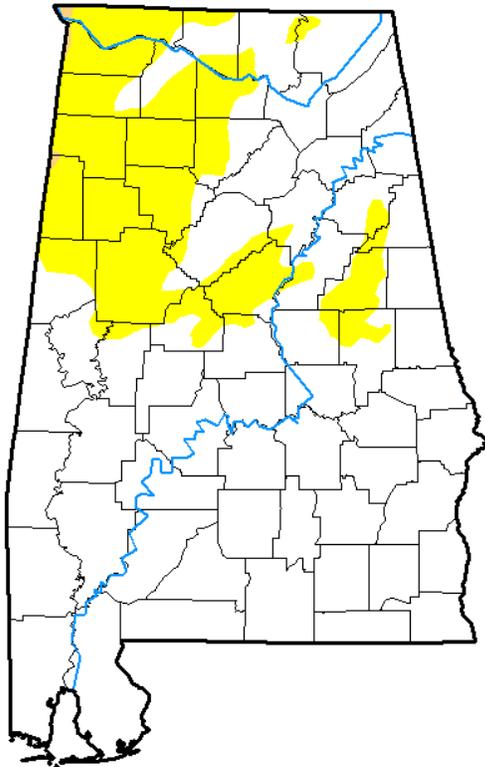
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 23, 2018
(Released Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	78.48	21.52	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-16-2018	81.32	18.68	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-24-2018	99.44	0.56	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 10-24-2017	85.82	14.18	0.43	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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