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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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 9, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.70 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Parts of the county are still quite dry. Cotton looks pretty good; corn harvesting has begun, but soybeans and peanuts could use some rain. Many have delayed third cutting of hay due to the anticipation of rain.
Gina Harris, Blount County

This past week thanks to Tropical Storm Gordon, Monroe County received between 5 and 8 inches of rain. The wind may have had an effect on some of the cotton in a few areas. Hopefully, it won't affect harvesting. Some producers are starting to gear up for digging peanuts. Most of the corn has been harvested. Good yields were reported.
Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Rain showers continued across the Wiregrass with light to moderate accumulation over most of the region. Row crop farmers were able to get some fieldwork done during mid-week and late week. We expect to see an uptick in harvesting corn and peanuts in the coming weeks as weather condition permits.
Willie Durr, Houston County

Crops are looking good. Some farmers are starting to irrigate peanuts to help finish them off. Corn harvest is wrapping up. Overall crops are looking good. Rain is needed but not in large amounts.
Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/09/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	64	49	66	44
Cotton - Bolls Opening	54	41	31	40
Cotton - Harvested	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting	64	53	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug	1	0	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	0	NA	0	0
Soybeans - Setting Pods	98	94	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	43	32	35	34

Conditions for Week Ending 09/09/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	16	75	8
Corn	0	0	9	59	32
Cotton	0	0	15	63	22
Pasture and range	0	3	16	65	16
Peanuts	0	4	13	55	28
Soybeans	0	0	21	73	6

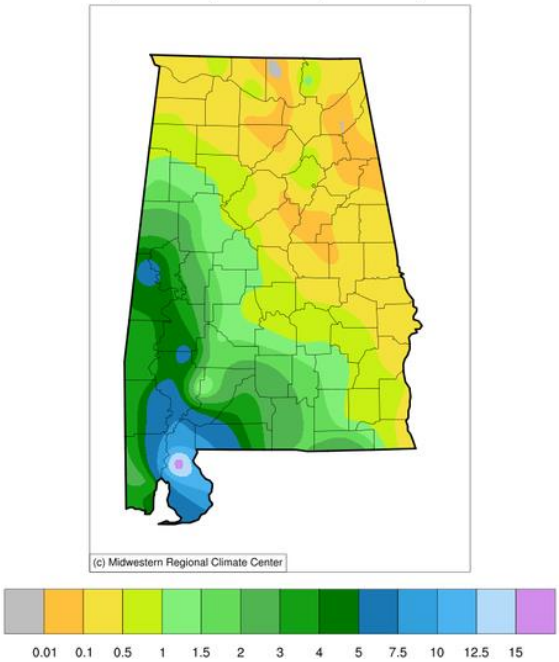
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/09/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	NA
Short	25	30	NA
Adequate	56	62	NA
Surplus	17	5	NA

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	2	NA
Short	23	27	NA
Adequate	65	66	NA
Surplus	10	5	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



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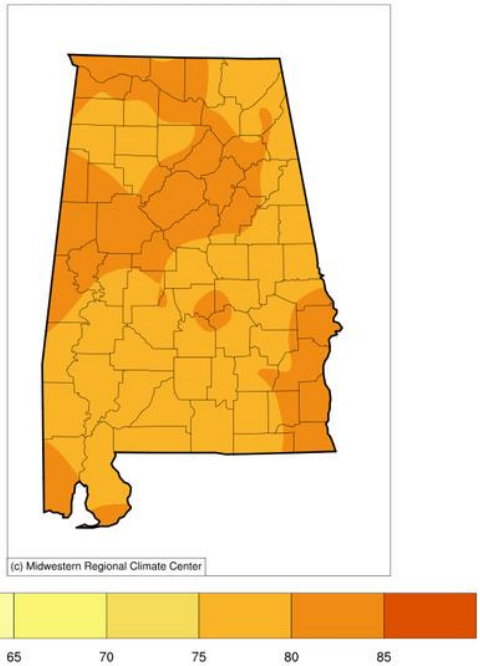
Average Temperature (°F)

September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



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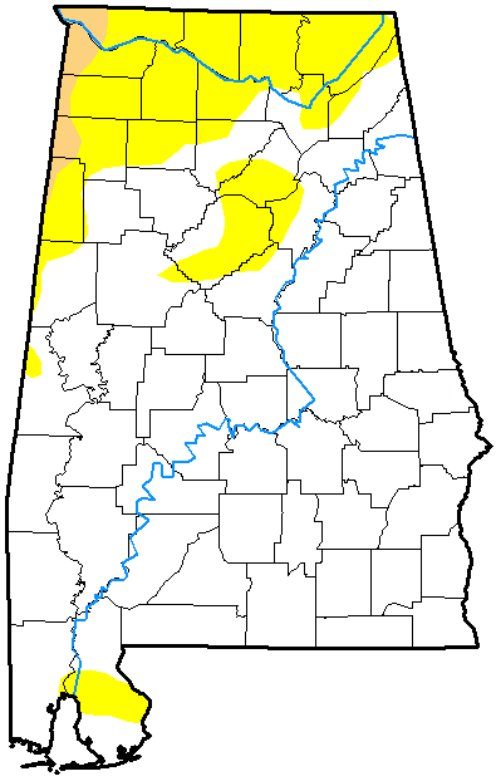
U.S. Drought Monitor

Alabama



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.37	20.63	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *08-28-2018*	87.99	12.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *06-05-2018*	92.49	7.51	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 *09-05-2017*	99.86	0.14	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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