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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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 8.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

We received much needed rain this week. We are done planting cotton, but the cool weather is hindering growth. Corn is looking good.
Tim Malone, Marion County

We are thankful for the rain we received. Some areas were quite dry after a warm and dry week. It was a good week for cutting hay, mostly ryegrass. Pastures are transitioning to summer grasses.
David West, Calhoun County

It was a good week for planting and other agricultural activities, but the rain we received halted these activities. A good amount of hay was cut and stored last week. Peach harvest began on early varieties, late crop still expected. Strawberry harvest is almost done, summer vegetable crops are being planted.
Dan Porch, Blount County

A late week storm system brought much needed rain as most cotton is in the ground. Some areas received more rain, causing concerns for erosion and water standing in low areas of fields.
Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Some cotton will be replanted due to rain this week. Planting is questionable due to the rain projected in the forecast with final planting dates approaching.
Karen McDonald, Moore County

This week's conditions were favorable for planting. Crops are emerging fast with warm weather. Rain will be needed next week to continue good conditions.
Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged	98	89	100	96
Cotton - Planted	75	59	69	67
Hay - 1st Cutting	70	54	69	61
Peanuts - Planted	58	38	52	50
Soybeans - Planted	64	50	49	40
Soybeans - Emerged	25	7	25	24
Winter wheat - Headed	98	94	100	99
Winter wheat - Harvested	6	1	7	9

Conditions for Week Ending 05/21/17

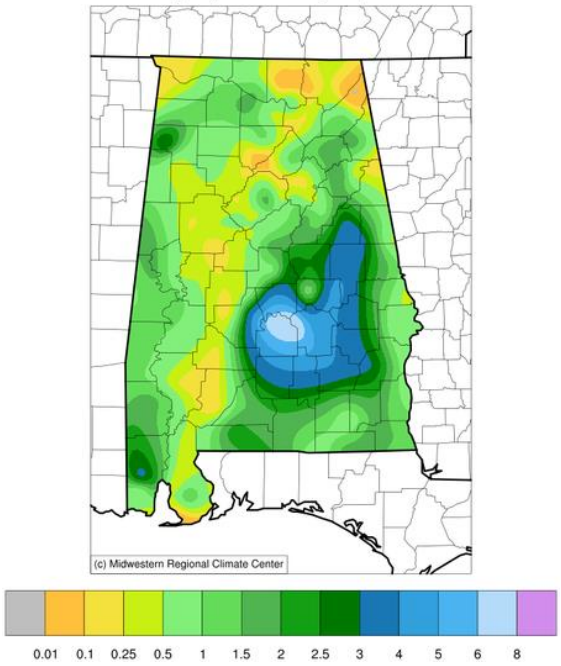
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	23	69	4
Corn	0	0	12	80	8
Cotton	0	3	29	64	4
Pasture and range	1	10	35	53	1
Soybeans	0	1	15	83	1
Winter wheat	0	5	21	55	19

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	3	5
Short	20	23	19
Adequate	57	69	65
Surplus	20	5	11

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	2	NA
Short	22	24	NA
Adequate	62	70	NA
Surplus	13	4	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 15, 2017 to May 21, 2017



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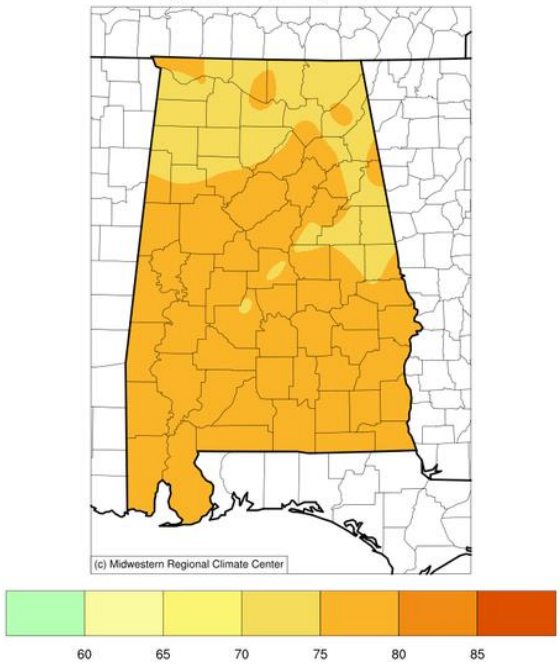
Average Temperature (°F)
May 15, 2017 to May 21, 2017



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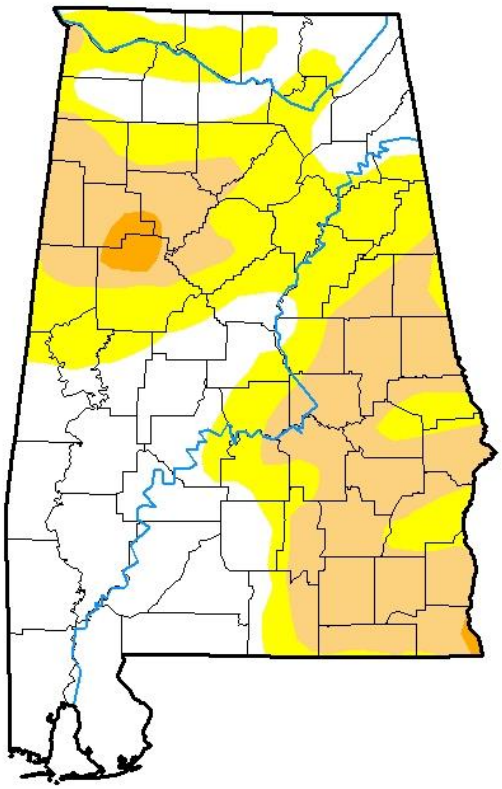
U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.58	59.42	28.94	1.19	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-09-2017	43.95	56.05	28.07	1.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-14-2017	32.24	67.76	49.54	27.82	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
One Year Ago 05-17-2016	57.74	42.26	7.86	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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