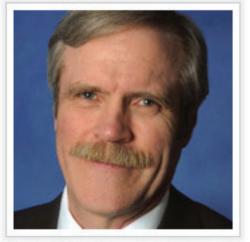


## The Alabama Climate Report

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Dr. John Christy, Alabama State Climatologist

July was cool. To paraphrase the Tonight Show audience, how cool was it?

Pretty cool. We saw three legitimate cold fronts arrive from the north, setting several records for both daily low temperatures and for cool daytime highs. In Montgomery, where weather observations go back to 1872, the all-time July record low temperature set in 2009 was tied at 59° F on Wednesday, July 30.

Both Muscle Shoals and Hamilton, with substantially shorter weather records, saw their coolest high temperature records for the month of July broken, when each saw a day with the high temperature of only 71° F.

There were some noteworthy readings scattered about the state. Scottsboro set a daily record for July 14, when the temperature dropped to 49°. That broke the previous record for that day, 55°, which was set on July 14, 1897! When you break a record that stood for more than 110 years and you do it by six degrees, that's noteworthy.

Hamilton's climate record isn't as long, but the record-setting chilly high temperature on July 19 was also noteworthy. Not only was it Hamilton's coolest July high on record, it broke the record for July 19 by 14 degrees!

Huntsville and Tuscaloosa each saw their daily record low highs for July 18 broken by eleven degrees, as did Gainesville on July 19.

It will be a couple of days before our friends in the National Weather Service tally the statewide average temperature for July, but we won't be surprised if it turns out to be one of the coolest on record.

July temperatures like these fit into the state's 130-year cooling trend, although we can't use that trend to make accurate forecasts. Mother Nature can turn things around at any time and give us summer hot spells like those the old timers remember from the 1930s and early 1950s.

Speaking of past times, this August is the 75th anniversary of the wettest August in the state's official 119-year climate record. While Alabama averages 5.5" of rain in August, and the third wettest August on record (1942) saw only 6.87", the statewide average rainfall of August 1939 was 11.12".

As is so often the case in Alabama, that extraordinary rainfall was brought to us by a hurricane (back

in the day before someone gave every hurricane, depression and thunderstorm a name), which deteriorated into a tropical depression that lingered over the state for three days before moving on to cause flooding up the east coast to Virginia, Maryland, and New York.

While the official record seems to largely overlook any damage in Alabama, the storm drenched much of Alabama from the Florida line to Birmingham. The Red Cross estimated that between 4,500 and 5,000 people were forced out of their homes. Crop damage was estimated in the millions of dollars (multiply by 17 to get the current value).

Prattville seemed to be at the epicenter of flooding. An AP story from Aug. 16, 1939, said: "Flood waters, already inundating a wide swatch of this Central Alabama town, moved upward this afternoon as alarming high water conditions developed further downstream."

One person was killed when a locomotive he was driving hit a washout and rolled into deep floodwater.

A Coast Guard boat sent north from Mobile to lend aid in rescuing stranded refugees had to stop at Miller's Ferry because the Alabama River was so high there wasn't enough space between the water and a bridge for the boat to squeeze through.

Official rainfall records for the month show some pretty staggering amounts:

Geneva 23.73"

Centreville 18.65"

Clanton 18.22" Montgomery 15.58"

Greenville 13.37"

Birmingham 11.45" Auburn 9.34"

A story published on Sunday, Aug. 20, noted that the flooding on the Alabama River had splashed "within three feet of the record 1884 flood."

Other places outside the storm system saw less rain. Waterloo, in the northwest corner of the state, was the driest spot in the state with only 1.63" of rain for the entire month of August 1939.

August 1939 is especially worth noting because we are still in the hurricane season. Just because Aug. 23 will mark nine years since a major (Category 3 or stronger) hurricane hit the U.S. doesn't mean we shouldn't be prepared. Even an unremarkable storm like the hurricane of August 1939 can be a record breaker.

- John Christy

# U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



## July 29, 2014

(Released Thursday, Jul. 31, 2014) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	00-04	D1-D4	D2-D4	03-04	D4
Current	67.19	32.81	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 7020014	81.05	18.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	97.11	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/21/2017	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 101,0013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 2000013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

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		July Mean July Norm	-	li Temp ord Hi	-	ow Temp and Low	Total Precip. Normal Prec.	Wettes Driest	-		riest Day ord Day
Anniston 2/	/1903	77.8° 80.1°	96° 105°	7/27/14 7/13/80	54° 50°	7/30/14 7/15/67	*0.57** 4.49*	12.21° 0.79°	1975 1983	1.00° 5.13°	7/30/14 7/7/75
Auburn 1/	/1893	76.7° 79.9°	91° 108°	7/14/14 7/11/30	57° 52°	7/30/14 7/15/67	2.76* 5.37*	15.73" 1.39"	1916 1914	1.09° 7.00°	7/19/14 7/10/48
Birmingham 1/	/1930	78.7° 80.2°	97° 107°	7/27/14 7/29/30	57° 51°	7/30/14 7/15/67	0.92* 5.09*	10.07" 0.30"	1985 1983		7/14-15/14 7/27/85
Brewton 4	/1977	77.5° 80.1°	93.2° 106°	7/27/14 7/24/52	58.9° 51°	7/31/14 7/15/67	6.43" 7.04"	19.08" 1.66"	1975 2000	1.77° 7.88°	7/25/14 7/31/75
Calera 9/	/1900	79.2° 79.3°	94° 105°	7/28/14 7/7/77	60° 50°	7/30/14 7/15/67	3.06* 5.36*	18.52" 0.42"	1916 1983		7/23/14 7/7/1916
Clanton 2/	/1893	76.9° 79.2°	92.8° 108°+	7/2/14 7/26/52	55.1° 53°	7/30/14 7/15/67	3.27* 5.76*	13.97" 1.29"	1971 1995	1.17° 7.14°	7/2/14 7/4/40
Courtland		74.9° M	91.5°	7/14/14 M	55.3°	7/5/14 M	4.85* M	N N			7/20/14 M
Cullman 7/	/1907	73.9° M	90.6°	7/27/14 M	53.6°	7/30/14 M	2.24" 4.44"	N N			7/18/14 M
Decatur 2/	/1880	75.4° 80.5°	93° 107° 7/	7/27/14 /12/1901	54° 38°	7/30/14 7/8/34	4.26* 4.22*	10.89" 0.67"	1958 1962		7/18-19/14 7/16/50
Dothan 2/	/1902	80.7° 81.3°	96° 103°	7/9/14 7/24/52	62° 57°	7/31/14 7/5/1902	5.21° 5.86°	12.73" 2.12"	1948 1903	1.98° 6.73°	7/28/14 7/9/48
Fairhope 8/	/1917	78.7° 81.5°	92.3° 101°	7/28/14 7/16/80	59.7° 59°	7/31/14 7/16/67	5.83* 8.00*	28.58" 0.82"	1997 1983	2.13° 14.52°	7/19/14 7/20/97
Gadsden 7/	/1893	76.8° 79.8°	95° 103°+	7/27/14 7/15/66	55° 52°	7/30/14 7/11/63	5.41° 4.47°	13.41" 0.79"	1985 1980	*4.96" 3.36*	7/14/14 7/9/58
Gainesville Lock 6	/1948	77.0° 80.8°		7/27/14 7/15/80	57.4° 55°	7/30/14 7/15/67	3.30° 2.91°	8.11" 0.37"	1992 1990	1.20° 4.12°	7/9/14 8/10/70
Greensboro 2/	/1890	76.5° 81.9°	93.3° 107°+	7/27/14 7/16/80	54.1° 56°	7/30/14 7/23/47	3.54" 5.38"	11.03" 1.19"	1985 2000	1.43° 3.90°	7/24/14 7/18/36
Highland Home 3/	/1892	77.4° 79.6°	92.4° 105°	7/27/14 7/15/80	60.4° 54°	7/30/14 7/15/67	2.77* 4.93*	10.79" 1.19"	1994 1978	1.11° 3.15°	7/21/14 7/8/48
Huntsville 1/	/1959	77.5° 79.5°	94° 104°	7/12/14 7/14/66	56° 53°	7/30/14 7/15/67	4.47* 4.50*	14.81" 0.79"	1967 1983		7/18-19/14 7/5/2001

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Stati Bega		July Hi Temp Record Hi	July Low Temp Record Lo	Total Precip. Normal Prec		Heaviest Day Record Day
Mobile 3/190	79.8°	94° 7/28/14	63° 7/31/14	7.92"	13.14" 1982	4.07" 7/18-19/14
	81.5°	104° 7/25/52	62°+ 7/16/67	6.54"	1.72" 1983	4.21" 7/18/69
Montgomery 6/19-	81.1°	97° 7/27/14	59° 7/30/14	2.28"	9.99° 1988	2.08" 7/19/14
	81.8°	105°+ 7/25/52	60° 7/1/50	5.31"	1.69° 2000	3.84" 7/14/73
Muscle Shoals 12/194	76.6°	96° 7/1/14	55° 7/30/14	5.02"	14.40° 1975	2.60" 7/8-9/14
	80.2°	106°+ 6/29/52	53°+ 6/7/72	4.52"	0.92° 1977	5.60" 7/28/72
Russellville 9/19:	72.9°	90.3° 7/14/14	51.4° 7/5/14	5.11°	10.82" 1994	2.41" 7/18/14
	78.0°	103° 7/18/80	45° 7/8/70	4.65°	1.27" 1978	3.10" 7/24/63
Scottsboro 10/189	73.8°	91.2° 7/14/14	53.7° 7/30/14	5.56"	7.59° 1984	3.39" 7/21/14
	78.6°	109° 7/13/30	49°+ 7/10/63	4.53"	1.32° 1980	3.43" 7/22/41
Selma 1/189	73.8°	91.2° 7/14/14	53.7° 7/30/14	5.56"	8.45° 1994	3.39" 7/21/14
	81.5°	107°+ 7/14/80	57° 7/15/67	4.28"	1.11° 2000	3.96" 7/7/94
Talladega 2/18	77.2°	95.3° 7/27/14	54.2° 7/30/14	1.72"	9.11° 1985	0.82" 7/20/14
	78.2°	107°+ 7/17/80	51°+ 7/8/72	4.75"	1.40° 1991	3.05" 7/8/58
Thomasville 9/189	77.0°	93.1° 7/2/14	57.1° 7/30/14	4.55"	15.91" 1988	1.36" 7/20/14
	81.4°	107° 7/13/30	56° 7/15/67	6.05"	0.69" 2000	5.52" 7/6/88
Troy 6/190	79.5°	97° 7/27/14	58° 7/30/14	2.12"	15.59" 1994	0.87" 7/18/14
	80.5°	107° 7/7/36	56° 7/15/67	5.80"	1.66" 2000	4.55" 7/1/64
Tuscaloosa 6/194	79.0°	97° 7/27/14	56° 7/30/14	0.92"	12.27° 1997	0.49" 7/14-15/14
	8 81.8°	107° 7/24/52	54° 7/1/50	5.00"	0.72° 1970	4.57" 7/21/97
Valley Head 1/189	72.4°	89.2° 7/27/14	50.6° 7/30/14	2.74"	11.74" 1976	1.06" 7/22/14
	76.2°	105°+ 7/29/52	45° 7/15/67	5.18"	.94" 1987	4.52" 7/5/76
Statewide July 201-		97° 4 stations	51.4° Russellville	3.81°	28.58" Fairhope	3.90" Brewton
July Norr		109° Scottsboro	38° Decatur	5.20°	0.30" Birmingham	14.52" Clanton

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\*New Record
#This data is missing this month due to an instrument malfunction

<sup>^</sup> This record differs from long-term data in the AOSC climate database: http://msstc.uah.edu/alclimate/climate/daily\_climate\_and\_normals.php

#### Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRAHS)

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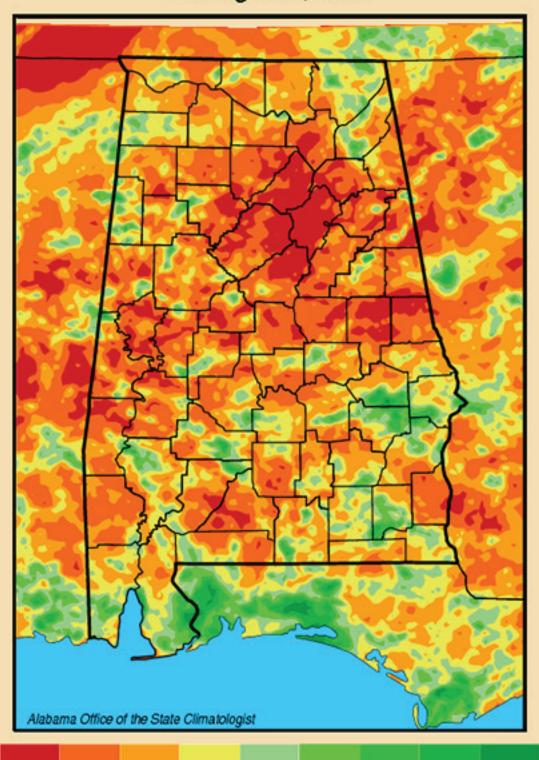
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Autauga	3.50	3	Houston	3.80	1
Baldwin	6.72	24	Jackson	5.61	7
Barbour	n.a.	0	Jefferson	1.92	13
Bibb	5.69	1	Lamar	4.00	1
Blount	1.60	9	Lauderdale	6.31	11
Bullock	n.a.	0	Lawrence	5.16	2
Butler	n.a.	0	Lee	2.76	4
Calhoun	3.26	2	Limestone	4.05	11
Chambers	n.a.	0	Lowndes	n.a.	0
Cherokee	3.66	1	Macon	n.a.	0
Chilton	1.77	2	Madison	4.63	56
Choctaw	1.84	1	Marengo	n.a.	0
Clarke	2.49	3	Marion	2.97	1
Clay	n.a.	0	Marshall	3.17	11
Cleburne	n.a.	0	Mobile	6.13	15
Coffee	5.19	1	Monroe	2.68	2
Colbert	5.69	7	Montgomery	3.65	3
Conecuh	n.a.	0	Morgan	3.12	9
Coosa	2.95	2	Perry	n.a.	0
Covington	n.a.	0	Pickens	2.43	1
Crenshaw	n.a.	0	Pike	n.a.	0
Cullman	2.05	4	Randolph	4.69	1
Dale	5.16	2	Russell	6.05	2
Dallas	3.81	1	St. Clair	1.25	4
DeKalb	3.48	2	Shelby	1.76	22
Elmore	3.96	7	Sumter	n.a.	0
Escambia	3.82	1	Talladega	1.83	6
Etowah	5.86	1	Tallapoosa	4.70	4
Fayette	2.84	3	Tuscaloosa	2.07	4
Franklin	n.a.	0	Walker	n.a.	0
Geneva	n.a.	0	Washington	3.33	1
Greene	n.a.	0	Wilcox	3.05	2
Hale	n.a.	0	Winston	4.21	2
Henry	n.a.	0			

### Normal July Precipitation:

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Alex City       5.14"         Aliceville       4.55"         Andalusia       6.47"         Ashland       5.64"         Athens       4.30"         Bay Minette       8.08"         Bessemer       5.25"         Billingsley       5.33"         Centreville WSMO       5.15"         Chatom       6.21"         Claiborne L&D       5.39"         Clayton       5.91"         Dauphin Isl       6.43"         Elba       6.45"         Eufaula WR       5.14"         Evergreen       6.41"         Fayette       4.77"         Geneva 2       5.94"         Greenville       5.86"         Haleyville       4.94"         Hamilton 3S       4.67"         Heffin       4.82"         Hurtsboro       5.23"         Jasper       5.25"         Lafayette       5.52"         Livingston       5.76"         Melvin       5.94"         Moulton       5.16"         Perryville       5.04"         Plantersville       5.12"         Rock Mills       5.12"	Abbeville	6.14"
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## Lawn-and-Garden Moisture Index for August 4, 2014



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# Alabama Climate Report **Climate Extremes**

**Wettest - Driest** 

**Statewide Average Precipitation** 

http://www.sercc.com/climateinfo/monthly\_seasonal.html Record begins in 1895



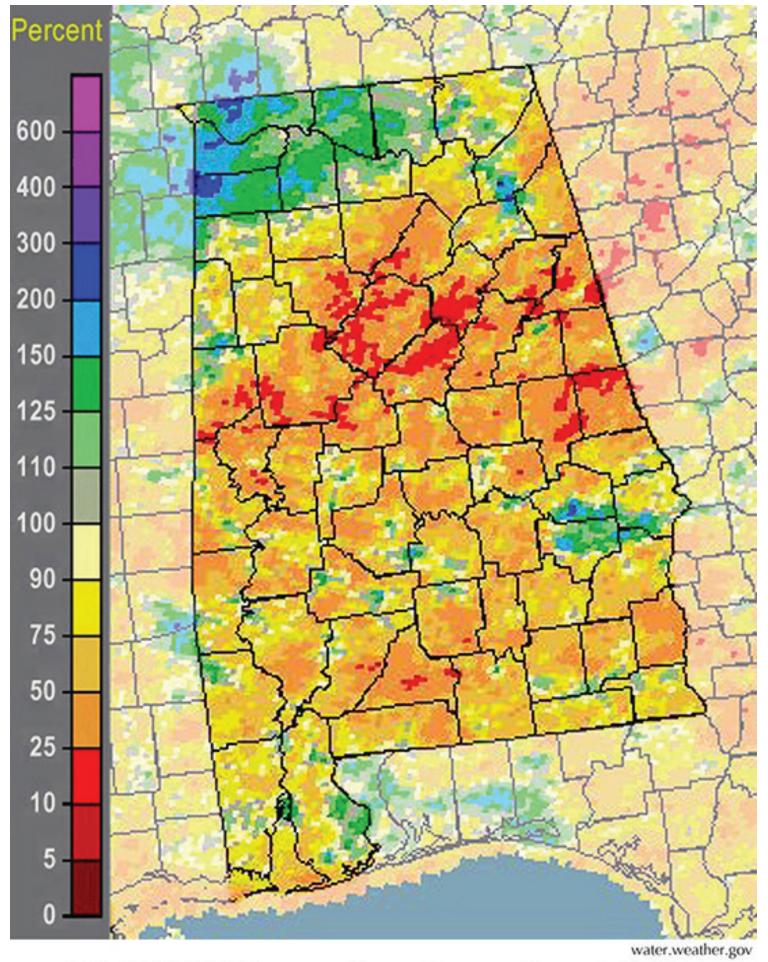
## **Year to Date**

Wettest	1.	1929	39.86"
	2.	1980	36.48"
	3.	1979	36.19"
	4.	1991	36.02"
	5.	1983	35.63"
	6.	1973	35.23"
	7.	1975	34.46"
	8.	1990	34.31"
	9.	1922	34.24"
	10.	1912	34.03"
	11.	1944	33.92"
	12.	1964	33.68"
January	<b>33.</b>	2014	28.03"
through May 2014	AVG		25.26"
	10	4067	10.20%
	12.	1967	18.30"
	12. 11.	196/ 1927	18.30″ 18.06″
	11.	1927	18.06"
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## Year-to-date

Hottest	1.	2012	61.04°
	2.	1927	60.34°
	3.	1911	$59.60^{\circ}$
	4.	1938	59.46°
		1950	59.46°
	6.	1974	59.32°
	7.	1921	58.94°
	8.	1957	$58.86^{\circ}$
	9.	1922	58.72°
	10.	1945	$58.68^{\circ}$
		1990	$58.68^{\circ}$
	12.	1925	58.64°
January			
through	AVG		56.34°
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May			30.3
	12.	1979	54.06°
May		1979 <b>2014</b>	
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July 2014 NWS percentage of normal precipitation

## New Local Climate Records<sup>1</sup>

## July 2014

Minimum Low Temperature, Daily				19 July 2014				
			•	-	CLAYTON61	2001	62	58
	New	Previous		Period of	20 July 2014			
	Record	Year	Record	Record	DAUPHIN ISLAND No. 271	2012	72	38
5 July 2014					25 July 2014			
ATMORE		1944	64	74	HAMILTON 3 S57	2009	58	52
BELLE MINA		1968	57	64	26 July 2014			
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT		1972	59	84	BESSEMER 3 WSW63	2013	64	37
CODEN		1982	67	57	MOULTON 260	2013	61	57
GENEVA NUMBER 2		1985	66	38	MUSCLE SHOALS AIRPORT62	1990	63	73
HAMILTON 3 S		1970	53	52	WINFIELD 2 SW59	1990	60	38
HUNTSVILLE INTL AIRPORT		1961	59	55	29 July 2014			
JACKSON		2000	66	30	ANNISTON AIRPORT62	1994	63	111
MOBILE DTN AIRPORT		1961	70	65	MOULTON 259	2004	60	57
MOBILE REG. AIRPORT		2000	69	66	TUSCALOOSA AIRPORT61	2004	65	66
MONTGOMERY AIRPORT		1961	65	66	30 July 2014			
MOULTON 2		1961	55	57	ALEXANDER CITY56	1994	62	44
TUSCALOOSA AIRPORT	60	1961	61	66	BESSEMER 3 WSW57	1994	58	37
6 July 2014					BREWTON 3 SSE62	1994	64	88
GENEVA NUMBER 2	64	1985	65	38	GAINESVILLE58	1994	62	56
JACKSON	62	2011	66	30	GREENSBORO57	1994	64	122
14 July 2014					GREENVILLE57	1944	64	87
SCOTTSBORO	49	1897	55	122	HALEYVILLE56	1981	59	111
17 July 2014					JASPER55	1994	57	53
CLAYTON	61	2001	62	58	MOULTON 254	1965	56	57
ENTERPRISE 2 W		1987	67	48	SAND MT SUBSTATION53	1965	56	64
FAIRHOPE 2 NE		1967	64	96	SYLACAUGA 4 NE53	1994	58	59
MOULTON 2		1970	60	57	TALLADEGA53	1983	59	120
OPELIKA		1967	59	57	VERNON55	1994	56	57
SCOTTSBORO	55	1970	56	122	31 July 2014			
18 July 2014					ALEXANDER CITY60	1981	61	44
ALEXANDER CITY	61	2009	63	44	BREWTON 3 SSE59	1947	63	88
BANKHEAD LOCK & DAM	60	1967	61	57	DEMOPOLIS LOCK & DAM 58	1965	63	62
CLAYTON	61	2001	62	58	ENTERPRISE 2 W62	1984	65	48
CODEN	63	1967	65	57	FAIRHOPE 2 NE61	1994	67	96
FAIRHOPE 2 NE		1967	66	96	GAINESVILLE58	1994	62	56
GENEVA NUMBER 2		1977	66	38	GENEVA NUMBER 258	1984	64	38
HAMILTON 3 S		1976	54	52	SCOTTSBORO56	1969	57	122
JACKSON		2001	66	30	SYLACAUGA 4 NE53	1993	55	59
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## Coolest High Temperature, July

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## Lowest Temperature, Month of July

	Period of Record		Previous Record	Previous Date
7 January 2014 GENEVA NUMBER 2	58	2014	61	38-3

http://lwf.ncdc.noaa.gov/extremes/records/

## New Local Climate Records<sup>1</sup>

## July 2014

## Coolest High Temperature, Daily Precipitation, Daily

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	New Record	Previous Date	Previous Record	Length of Record		New Record	Previous Year	Previous Record	Period of Record
16 July 2014					3 July 2014				
HALEYVILLE	78	1990	79	111	BILLINGSLEY	1.56	1968	1.51	75
17 July 2014					DEMOPOLIS L&D	1.63	1988	1.40	62
GUNTERSVILLE	80	2004	83	104	8 July 2014				
HALEYVILLE	77	1973	79	111	HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT	1.01	1982	0.75	55
MOULTON 2	78	1984	81	57	MUSCLE SHOALS APRT	2.12	1979	1.77	73
RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	78	1973	80	60	9 July 2014				
18 July 2014					BELLE MINA	1.37	1991	0.67	64
ANNISTON METRO AIRPRT	80	2009	82	111	MOULTON 2	2.54	1969	1.34	57
BANKHEAD LOCK & DAM	82	1990	83	57	TALLAPOOSA WTR PLT	1.60	1996	1.24	36
BELLE MINA	79	1991	83	64	14 July 2014				
BESSEMER 3 WSW	76	2012	78	37	CAHABA PUMP HOUSE	1.22	1992	1.10	32
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT	76	1947	80	84	WALNUT GROVE	2.00	1948	0.81	73
HALEYVILLE	70	1990	78	111	15 July 2014				
HAMILTON 3 S	81	1994	84	52	HOLT LOCK & DAM	1.73	1994	0.85	33
HUNTSVILLE INT AIRPORT	70	2009	81	55	SAND MT SUBSTATION	1.90	1968	1.84	65
MONTGOMERY AIRPORT	83	1979	86	66	VERNON	1.74	1950	1.65	76
MOULTON 2	77	2007	83	57	WARRIOR LOCK & DAM	1.55	1998	1.25	56
MUSCLE SHOALS AIRPRT	71	2009	80	73	16 July 2014				
RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	78	1961	79	60	ENTERPRISE 2 W	2.93	2004	1.38	48
TUSCALOOSA AIRPORT	75	2012	86	66	18 July 2014				
19 July 2014					HUNTSVILLE AIRPORT	1.60	1963	0.84	55
ALEXANDER CITY	79	2009	84	44	19 July 2014				
BELLE MINA	71	2009	81	64	ADDISON	1.24	2012	0.87	76
CHATOM	78	1997	85	64	ATMORE	0.80	1993	0.78	74
GAINESVILLE	76	2004	87	56	BELLE MINA	2.19	2005	0.78	64
GREENSBORO	75	1923	77	122	HAMILTON 3 S	1.66	1968	1.18	52
GUNTERSVILLE	72	2009	80	104	MOULTON 2	2.45	1989	0.50	57
HAMILTON 3 S	71	2009	85	52	RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	1.95	2002	0.69	60
MOULTON 2	71	2009	79	57	20 July 2014				
MUSCLE SHOALS AIRPRT	78	2009	79	73	COFFEEVILLE L&D	1.31	2006	0.68	31
RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	74	2009	81	60	GENEVA NUMBER 2	1.25	1979	1.24	38
SCOTTSBORO	70	1910	76	122	21 July 2014				
SYLACAUGA 4 NE	79	2012	82	59	JONES BLUFF L&D	1.32	1989	0.37	33
VERNON	79	2009	86	57	23 July 2014				
20 July 2014					MILLERS FERRY L&D	1.69	1996	1.34	33
ENTERPRISE 2 W	80	1990	82	48	25 July 2014				
GAINESVILLE	81	1967	83	56	MELVIN	0.99	1960	0.94	74
HAMILTON 3 S	74	1989	82	52					
RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	77	1990	78	60					
29 July 2014									
HALEYVILLE	77	1951	79	111					
30 July 2014									
GUNTÉRSVILLE	79	2013	81	104					
HAMILTON 3 S	80	1972	81	52					
RUSSELLVILLE No. 2	78	1972	79	60					
SAND MT SUBSTATION	76	2005	79	64					
WINFIELD 2 SW	78	2007	82	38	* This record differs from long-	erm data i	n the AOSC	climate dat	abase:
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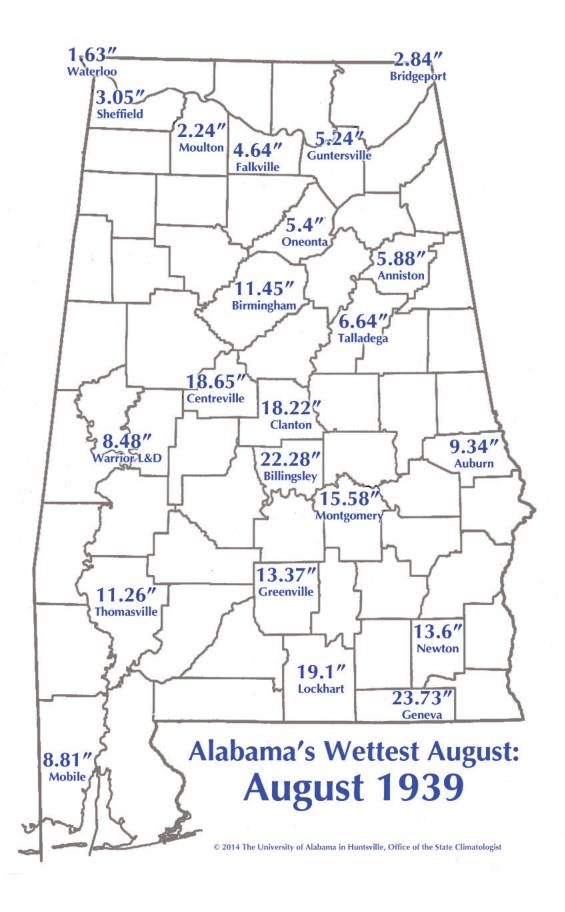
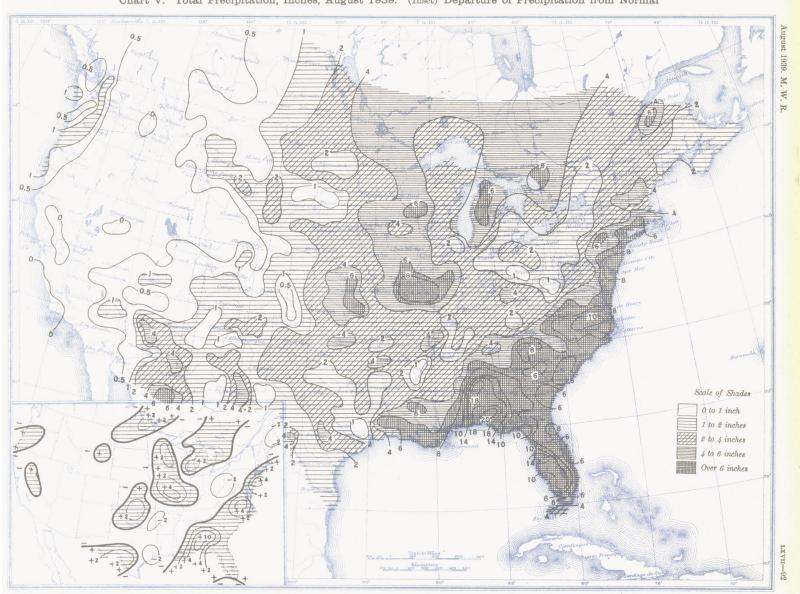


Chart V. Total Precipitation, Inches, August 1939. (Inset) Departure of Precipitation from Normal





A railroad bridge in Prattville destroyed by flooding, August 1939

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