



**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 21, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.86 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Defoliant has been sprayed multiple times on some of the county's cotton. However, the unseasonably warm weather experienced at the end of September and first of October coupled with rain showers has spurred re-growth. As a result, much of the cotton has not been picked.

**Lana Nelson, Lauderdale County**

Harvest continued. Farmers were assessing damages from hurricane Michael. Cotton suffered the most damage with significant losses across the county. Peanuts also suffered and picking has not gone well. Soybeans was also affected and may be difficult to harvest.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

Most of the row crop farmers were trying to put things back together after the damage caused by Hurricane Michael. Cotton is on the ground with twisted stalks and peanuts vines are beat up. Nearly all the cotton is likely to go unharvested due to the damages. Peanut producers were doing everything possible to get this year's crop harvested. A lot timber has been blown over with miles of fencing being patched to keep the cows from walking away. It has been a difficult two weeks for Houston County farmers.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/21/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	93	90	89	93
Cotton - Harvested.....	41	28	43	43
Peanuts - Dug.....	77	63	80	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	63	46	66	66
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	96	93	95	NA
Soybeans - Harvested.....	55	46	62	51
Winter wheat - Planted.....	17	15	17	16

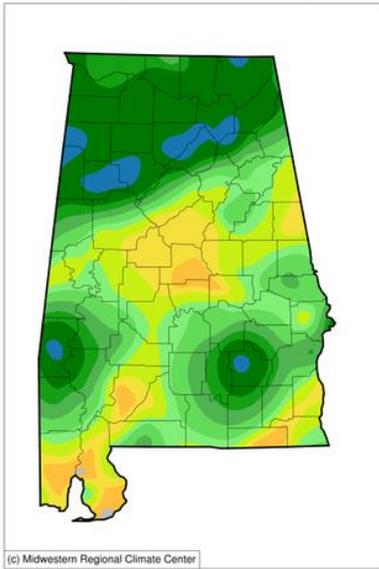
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/21/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	18	72	8
Cotton.....	6	11	14	55	14
Pasture and range.....	3	3	20	64	10
Peanuts.....	0	6	34	52	8
Soybeans.....	0	2	26	68	4

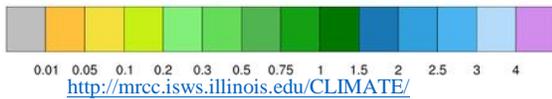
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/21/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	NA
Short.....	7	8	NA
Adequate.....	87	84	NA
Surplus.....	4	6	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	NA
Short.....	6	6	NA
Adequate.....	89	86	NA
Surplus.....	4	6	NA

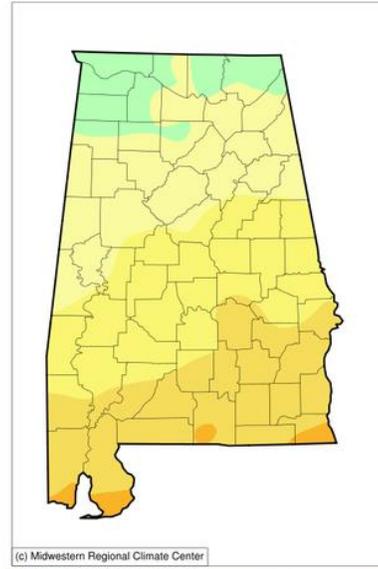
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 15, 2018 to October 21, 2018



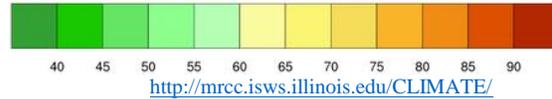
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 15, 2018 to October 21, 2018

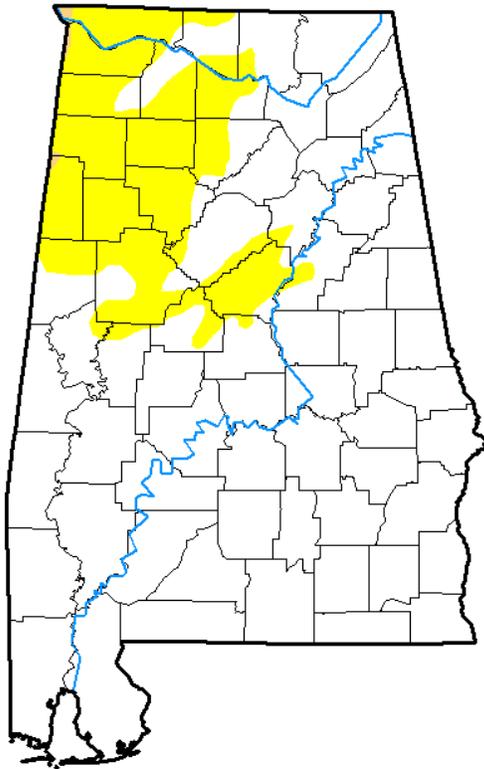


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 16, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018)  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	81.32	18.68	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-09-2018	82.30	17.70	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-17-2018	99.87	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-17-2017	85.78	14.22	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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