



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

September 8, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 6, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

High temperatures helped fields dry quickly from last week's rain, allowing for hay cutting and corn harvesting. Irrigation was employed late in the week to support late-planted soybeans and cotton due to dry conditions. Producers began digging peanuts. As producers wrapped up the last of the hay cuttings for the season, yields continued to impress.

Livestock and Pastures

Warm season pasture production slowed considerably, and farmers began planting cool season forages. Cattle were stressed by the heat.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	94	89	94	97
Corn - Harvested	48	27	38	49
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	97	99	99
Cotton - Bolls Opening	54	18	36	47
Hay - 3rd Cutting	35	28	42	NA
Peanuts - Dug	3	0	3	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	0	0
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	96	94	95	97
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	26	12	21	34

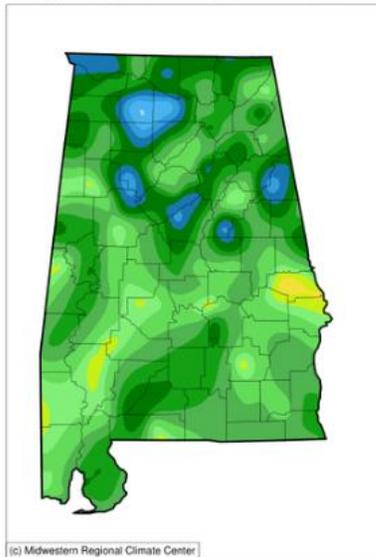
Conditions for Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	78	5
Corn	0	0	11	65	24
Cotton	0	0	13	74	13
Pasture and range..	1	2	21	70	6
Peanuts.....	0	0	13	64	23
Soybeans	1	2	14	75	8

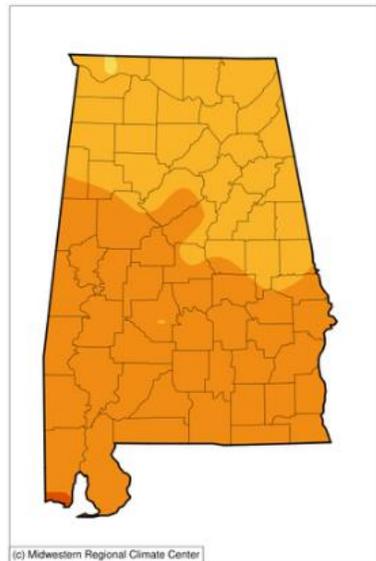
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/06/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	7	13
Adequate.....	73	83
Surplus.....	19	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	12	17
Adequate.....	82	81
Surplus.....	5	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020

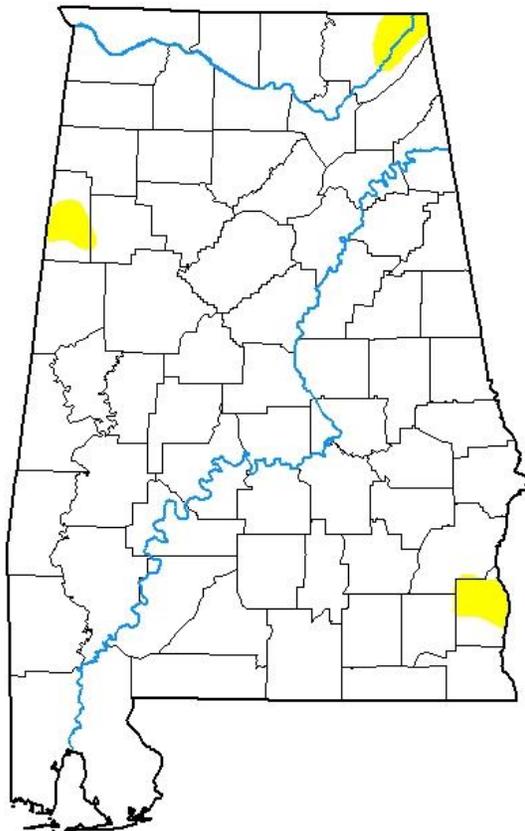


Average Temperature (°F)
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 1, 2020
(Released Thursday, Sep. 3, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	98.08	1.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-25-2020	95.03	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-02-2020	88.26	11.74	8.52	3.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago 09-03-2019	72.60	27.40	5.33	1.09	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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