



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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 13, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Corn and hay harvesting proceeded at full speed throughout much of the state thanks to another dry week. Soybeans were in need of rain, but overall condition remained unchanged from the previous week. Farmers were gearing up to start digging peanuts in many counties. Concern mounted about possible rain and wind damage as Tropical Storm Sally was upgraded to hurricane status.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture grass dried quickly from the limited rain and could use a good soaking. Cattle condition continued to be mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	96	94	97	98
Corn - Harvested	70	38	56	67
Cotton - Bolls Opening	66	36	55	60
Cotton - Harvested	1	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting	52	42	62	NA
Peanuts - Dug	12	3	10	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	5	0	3	1
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	39	21	33	47

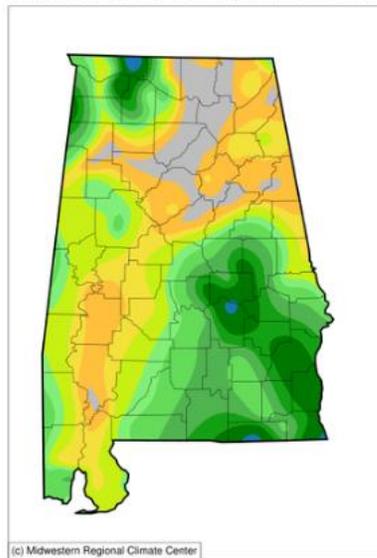
Conditions for Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	16	76	6
Corn	0	0	10	64	26
Cotton	0	0	11	74	15
Pasture and range..	1	2	24	66	7
Peanuts	0	2	13	56	29
Soybeans	0	1	15	76	8

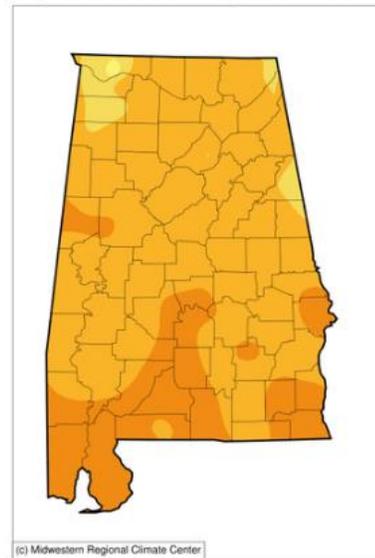
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/13/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short	13	16
Adequate.....	83	70
Surplus.....	3	11
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short	17	14
Adequate.....	81	73
Surplus.....	1	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020

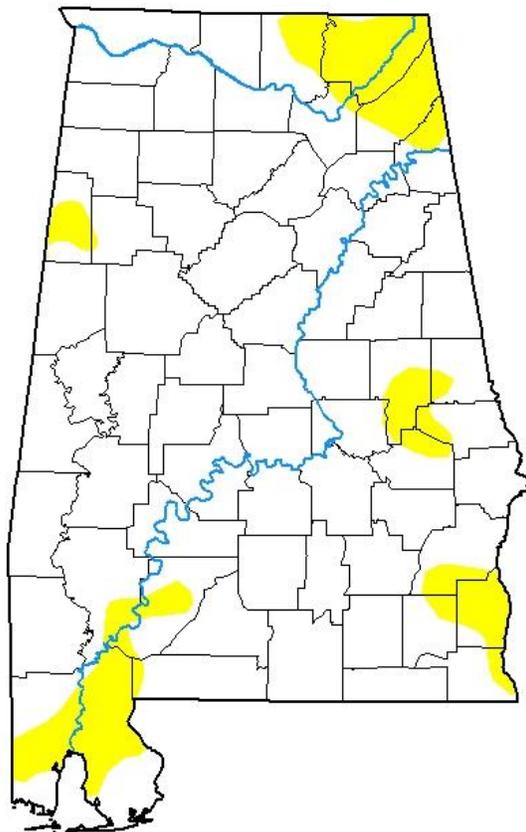


Average Temperature (°F)
September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 8, 2020
(Released Thursday, Sep. 10, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.67	12.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-01-2020	98.08	1.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-09-2020	92.11	7.89	3.40	0.00	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 09-10-2019	69.52	30.48	8.21	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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