



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 4, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Sunny, drier weather allowed peanut harvesting to enter full swing. Soybean development continued to be behind from lack of rain earlier in the season, but some fields were ready to be harvested. Producers in a few southern counties began harvesting cotton while producers in northern counties waited on the crop to finish maturing. Cotton farmers affected by Hurricane Sally noticed rotten cotton in the fields from the excess moisture brought by the storm.

Livestock and Pastures

Cooler temperatures relieved livestock stress. Pastures were still being grazed even though forage growth slowed. Producers began drilling crops for winter grazing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/20

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Harvested..... | 95 | 76 | 86 | 94 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening.... | 91 | 75 | 79 | 86 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 21 | 0 | 2 | 16 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 84 | 83 | 87 | NA |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 66 | 19 | 33 | NA |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 49 | 12 | 17 | 36 |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves..... | 90 | 59 | 72 | 85 |
| Soybeans - Harvested..... | 34 | 3 | 7 | 31 |
| Winter wheat - Planted.... | 6 | 1 | 4 | 4 |

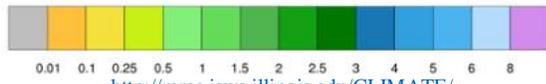
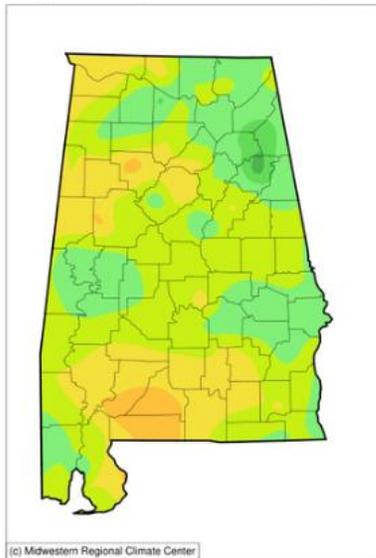
Conditions for Week Ending 10/04/20

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 0 | 1 | 15 | 75 | 9 |
| Cotton..... | 1 | 3 | 21 | 66 | 9 |
| Pasture and range.. | 0 | 2 | 21 | 69 | 8 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 2 | 12 | 68 | 18 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 1 | 16 | 74 | 8 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/20

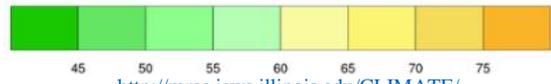
| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 2 | 2 |
| Short..... | 12 | 6 |
| Adequate..... | 76 | 90 |
| Surplus..... | 10 | 2 |
| Subsoil | Previous week | This week |
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0 | 2 |
| Short..... | 17 | 4 |
| Adequate..... | 80 | 92 |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 2 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 29, 2020

(Released Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 98.07 | 1.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 09-22-2020 | 94.19 | 5.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 06-30-2020 | 90.46 | 9.54 | 0.00 | 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 10-01-2019 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 35.36 | 11.99 | 3.54 | 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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