



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, October 25, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Drier weather early in the week allowed farmers to make great strides in their fieldwork. Much needed rain late in the week halted fieldwork for many. Cotton, peanut, soybean, and sweet potato harvests continued. Row crop producers in some northern counties reported good cotton and soybean yields. Winter wheat began emerging.

Producers across the state were keeping a close eye on Tropical Storm Zeta, which was predicted to increase to hurricane status and make landfall along the gulf coast midweek. In preparation for the storm, many producers were making plans to expedite harvesting of cotton and peanuts.

Livestock and Pastures

In the northern portion of the state, livestock farmers continued to provide hay and supplemental nutrition as they planted winter annual pastures. In some southern counties, pastures were still growing, but at a reduced rate because of warm weather. Therefore, some farmers in southern counties had yet to start feeding hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening	98	92	96	95
Cotton - Harvested	57	20	34	54
Hay - 3rd Cutting	94	94	97	NA
Peanuts - Dug	92	68	79	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	86	42	62	76
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	99	92	95	98
Soybeans - Harvested.....	72	28	45	67
Winter wheat - Planted	25	10	17	21
Winter wheat - Emerged..	1	NA	2	2

(NA) Not available.

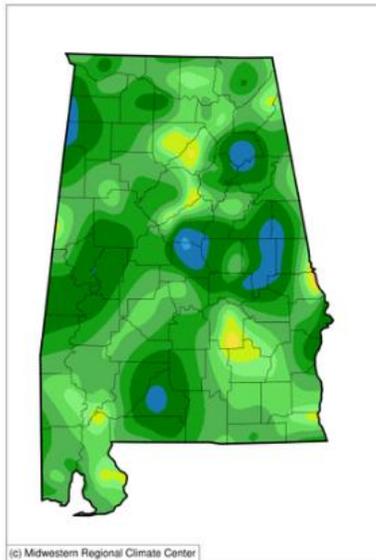
Conditions for Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	14	76	8
Cotton	1	4	21	63	11
Pasture and range..	1	2	24	67	6
Peanuts.....	0	4	19	66	11
Soybeans.....	1	2	21	67	9

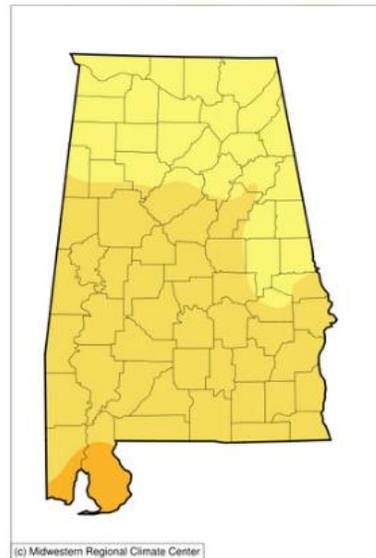
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/25/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short	4	4
Adequate.....	91	90
Surplus.....	5	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short	5	6
Adequate.....	91	88
Surplus.....	4	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020

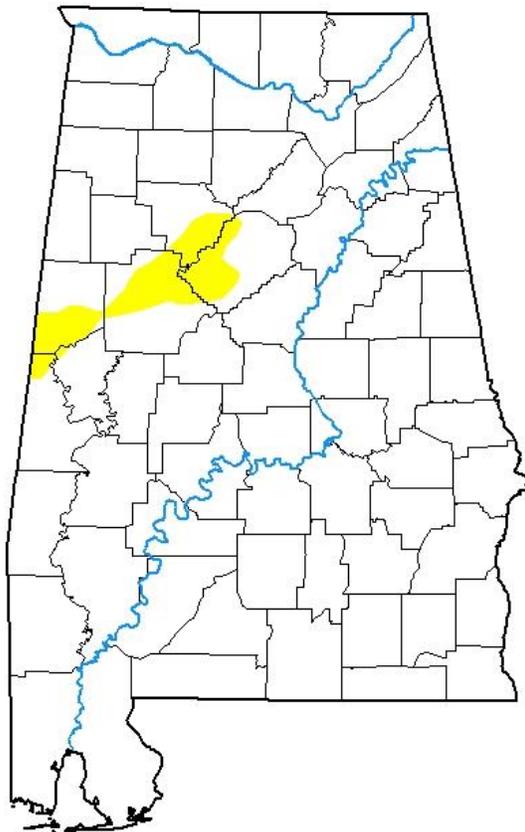


Average Temperature (°F)
October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 20, 2020
(Released Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	96.80	3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-13-2020	96.80	3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-21-2020	94.88	5.12	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 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-22-2019	25.68	74.32	52.27	20.96	5.27	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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