



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.

November 9, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 8, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the mid 50s.

**Crops**

Sunshine and minimal rain helped fields dry following Hurricane Zeta and made for a great week of cotton, peanut, and soybean harvesting. All moved along quickly, and some counties were able to wrap up peanut harvesting. Wheat planting began in some northern counties and picked up pace in southern counties. Strawberry planting and sweet potato digging concluded in some areas.

Producers noted cotton damage from Hurricane Zeta, but indicated a slight increase in cotton condition, compared to the initial assessment after the storm. Commercial vegetable producers worked on repairing greenhouses and plasticulture damaged by the storm. Many farmers continued to clean up debris and repair damaged farm buildings.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Livestock farmers worked on repairing downed fences from Hurricane Zeta. Operators continued overseeding pastures with winter grasses. A few early planted fields were grazed; however, supplemental hay and feed was still provided to most livestock.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/08/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested .....	77	40	57	70
Peanuts - Dug .....	96	87	94	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	93	76	86	86
Soybeans - Harvested.....	85	55	72	79
Winter wheat - Planted....	37	21	44	35
Winter wheat - Emerged..	10	8	20	13

(NA) Not available.

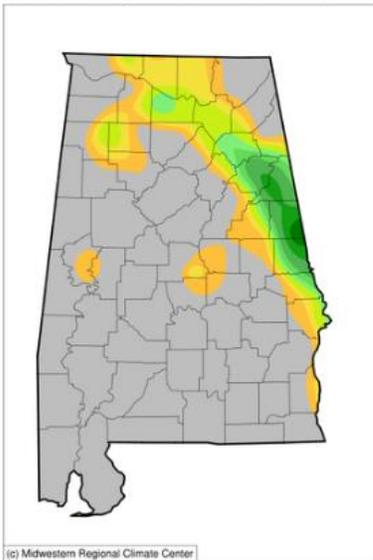
**Conditions for Week Ending 11/08/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	2	17	74	7
Cotton .....	0	7	30	57	6
Pasture and range..	1	3	31	63	2

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/08/20**

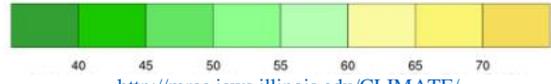
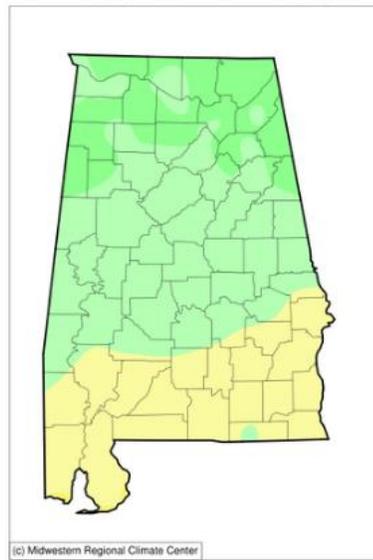
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short .....	2	10
Adequate.....	77	85
Surplus.....	20	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short .....	2	8
Adequate.....	92	87
Surplus.....	5	2

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 02, 2020 to November 08, 2020



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

**Average Temperature (°F)**  
November 02, 2020 to November 08, 2020



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**November 3, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-27-2020	98.24	1.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-04-2020	79.57	20.43	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-05-2019	56.34	43.66	27.57	7.08	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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