



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, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

It was another extremely dry week for the state, with only the west central and southwestern regions of the state receiving a notable amount of precipitation. Temperatures remained higher than normal across much of the state as well. The dry weather allowed many operators to conduct a significant amount of field work last week, with harvest activities in full swing for corn, peanuts, and soybeans. Reporters did note that conditions in some areas were too dry for peanut digging and harvest. Persistent dry weather dissuaded some operators from conducting a third or fourth cutting of hay due to expected low yields. Winter wheat seeding was just getting underway where moisture allowed.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Reporters noted that many pastures continued to deteriorate from the lack of rain and that some operators were unable to plant winter grasses. Cattle in some areas will need to be fed early in the fall due to drought conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/1/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	91	75	85	87
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	84	66	80	79
Cotton - Harvested.....	13	3	10	8
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	92	79	86	84
Peanuts - Dug.....	40	20	43	38
Peanuts - Harvested	26	13	22	23
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	71	58	77	75
Soybeans - Harvested	17	11	21	15
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	0	0	1	2

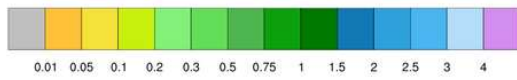
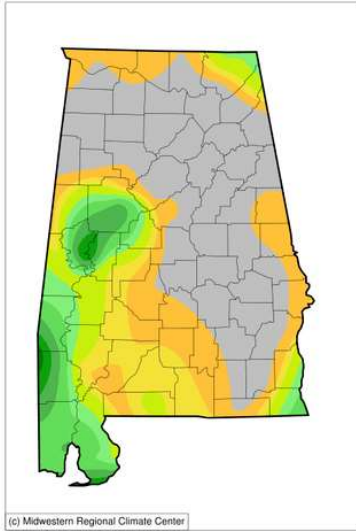
Conditions for Week Ending 10/1/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	20	76	1
Cotton.....	4	11	30	47	8
Pasture and range	4	15	35	46	0
Peanuts	10	34	31	23	2
Soybeans	0	3	19	58	20

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/1/23

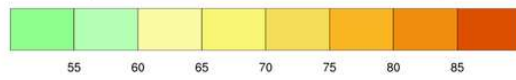
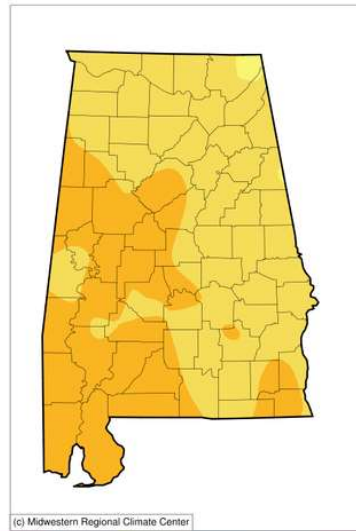
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	5	14
Short.....	48	52
Adequate	47	34
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	5	10
Short.....	43	50
Adequate	51	40
Surplus	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



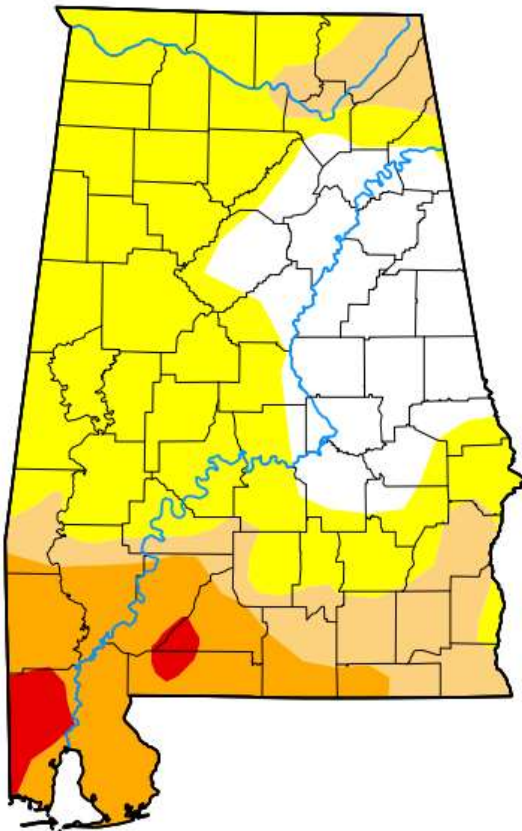
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Average Temperature (°F)
September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 26, 2023

(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
Last Week 09-19-2023	22.71	77.29	24.40	10.86	2.30	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-27-2023	75.65	24.35	5.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	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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