



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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 11, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches of rain to 4.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Dry weather early in the week helped with corn, soybean, and cotton harvesting and final hay production. Overall, corn yields were good to very good. Soybeans that had been harvested so far had average to above average yields. Cotton defoliation was in full swing in northern counties. Peanut digging was delayed the first half of the week in some areas by soil that was too dry, but statewide, digging progressed at a rapid pace. Rain from Hurricane Delta halted farm activities in many counties late in the week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Moderate temperatures were helpful to livestock. Some livestock producers began feeding hay and supplements as warm season pastures approached dormancy. Land preparations were underway for cool season forages. Rainfall benefited annual grazing that had recently been planted. Armyworms were reported in pastures and hayfields in southern counties.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/11/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	97	86	92	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	94	79	86	90
Cotton - Harvested.....	33	2	12	29
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	86	87	91	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	80	33	50	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	66	17	33	52
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	95	72	86	92
Soybeans - Harvested.....	54	7	15	43
Winter wheat - Planted....	9	4	8	9

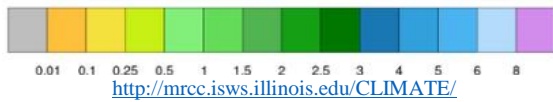
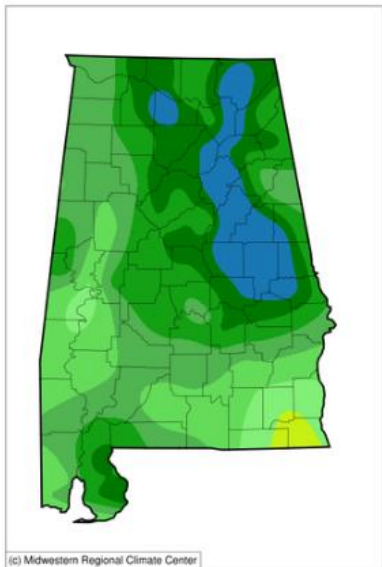
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/11/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	10	82	7
Cotton.....	1	3	22	64	10
Pasture and range..	0	2	20	72	6
Peanuts.....	0	2	20	63	15
Soybeans.....	1	2	21	69	7

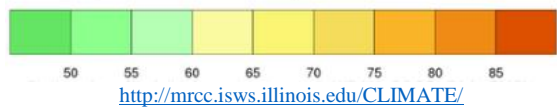
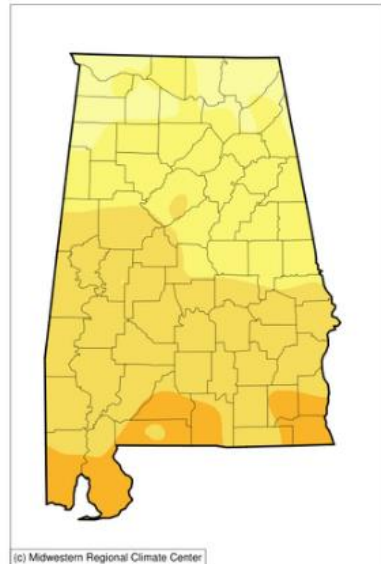
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/11/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short.....	6	10
Adequate.....	90	70
Surplus.....	2	17
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4
Short.....	4	9
Adequate.....	92	81
Surplus.....	2	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 05, 2020 to October 11, 2020

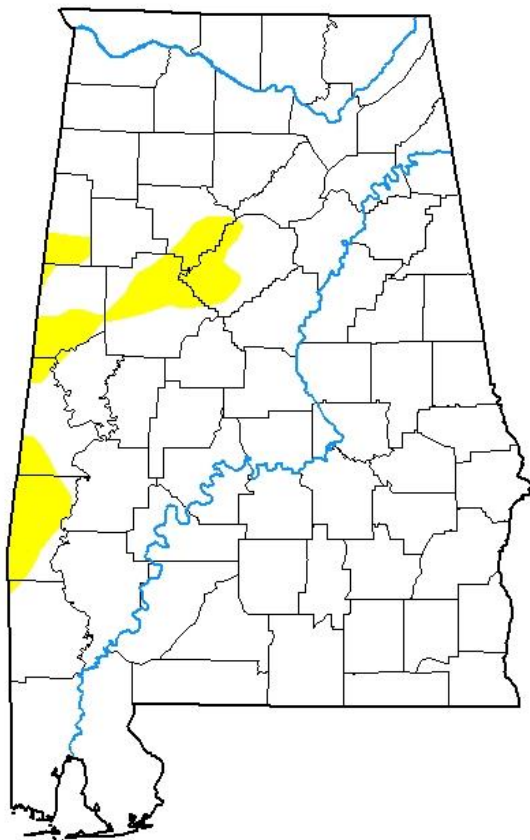


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 05, 2020 to October 11, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 6, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	94.61	5.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-07-2020	99.17	0.83	0.00	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> 10-08-2019	8.50	91.50	54.08	14.45	5.39	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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