



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 18, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Infrequent, spotty showers and cooler temperatures allowed for a productive week. Swift progress was made harvesting peanuts, cotton, and soybeans. Hay baling and corn harvesting was nearly complete. In some southeastern counties, the cotton crop suffered from too much late rainfall, and many bolls were locked or rotted. Cover crop planting began. Producers prepared fields for winter wheat planting.

Sweet potato farmers were getting ready to dig. Strawberry planting began.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Farm operators planted cool season annual pastures. Some pasture grazing was still occurring, but many producers relied on hay feeding. Cattle and pasture condition remained mostly good.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	99	92	95	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	96	86	92	93
Cotton - Harvested .....	45	12	20	44
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	90	91	94	NA
Peanuts - Dug .....	88	50	68	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	78	33	42	66
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	97	86	92	95
Soybeans - Harvested.....	64	15	28	55
Winter wheat - Planted ....	16	8	10	14

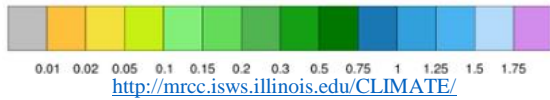
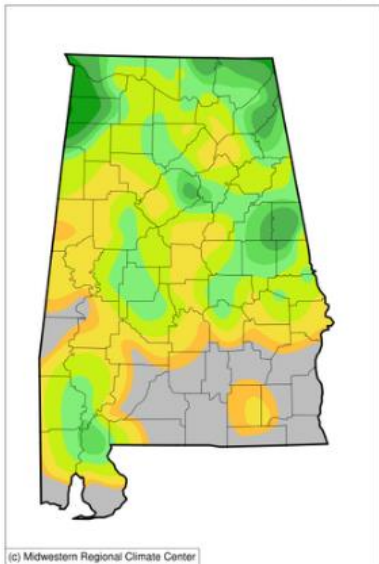
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	11	79	9
Cotton .....	1	4	22	63	10
Pasture and range..	0	2	21	70	7
Peanuts.....	0	2	11	71	16
Soybeans .....	1	3	23	65	8

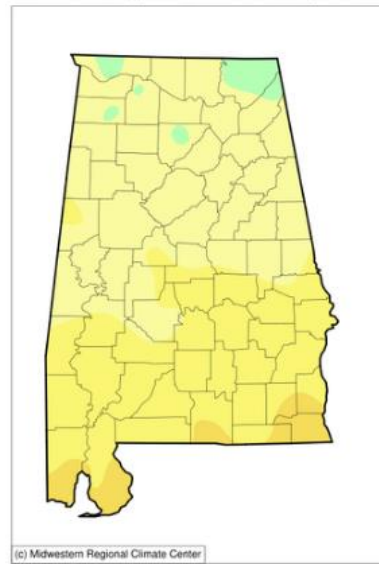
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	0
Short .....	10	4
Adequate.....	70	91
Surplus.....	17	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	0
Short .....	9	5
Adequate.....	81	91
Surplus.....	6	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020

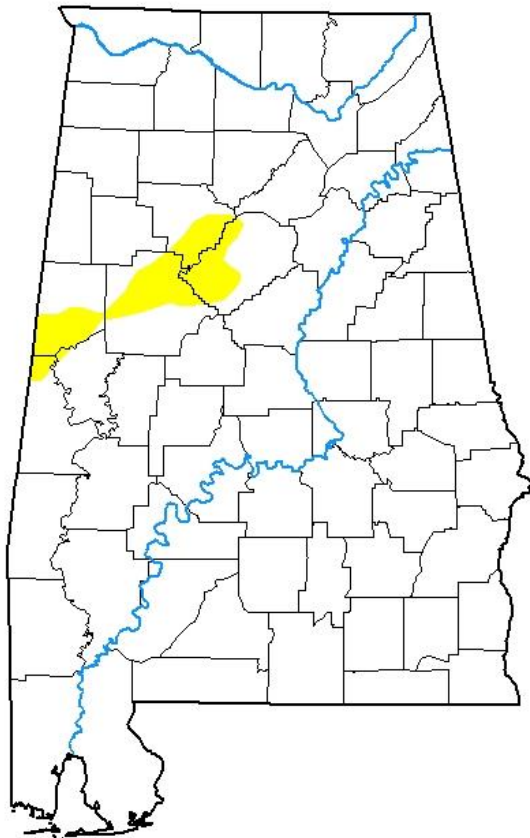


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 13, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	96.80	3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-06-2020	94.61	5.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-14-2020	99.69	0.31	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> 10-15-2019	9.44	90.56	57.51	34.96	7.79	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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