Alabama Crop Progress and Condition Report

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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 16, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 2.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Most of the state received between one and two inches of much needed rainfall the past week, although additional rain was still needed in many areas. Cotton bolls opening neared completion with harvest starting to pick up the pace. Peanut digging and harvest, aided by the rain, continued to make strong progress. Soybean leaves dropping neared completion and harvest continued in areas that received less rain. Winter wheat planting continued in areas where moisture levels were suitable.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle continued to be in mostly good condition. Pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good. Summer grasses were starting to go dormant, and some pastures continued to deteriorate due to dry conditions the past few months.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.......	82	92	94	89
Cotton - Harvested.............	16	24	33	28
Peanuts - Dug....................	61	61	73	71
Peanuts - Harvested..........	38	43	58	53
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	91	89	94	93
Soybeans - Harvested	26	31	44	41
Winter Wheat - Planted......	7	2	9	12

Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle........................	0	1	18	79	2
Cotton.......................	0	7	24	65	4
Pasture and range	3	21	42	34	0
Peanuts	0	0	4	79	17
Soybeans	2	8	29	53	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	16	10
Short...	50	47
Adequate	34	43
Surplus	0	0

Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	7
Short...	46	40
Adequate	44	53
Surplus	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022

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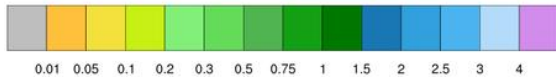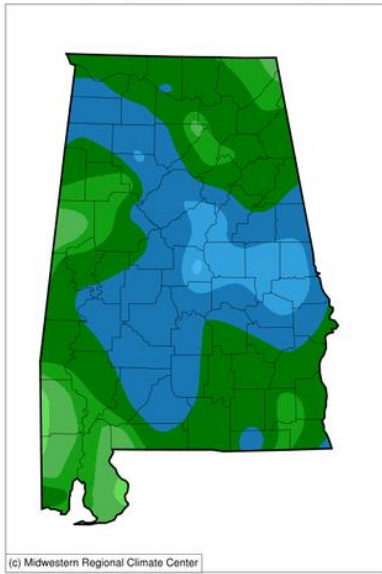
Average Temperature (°F)
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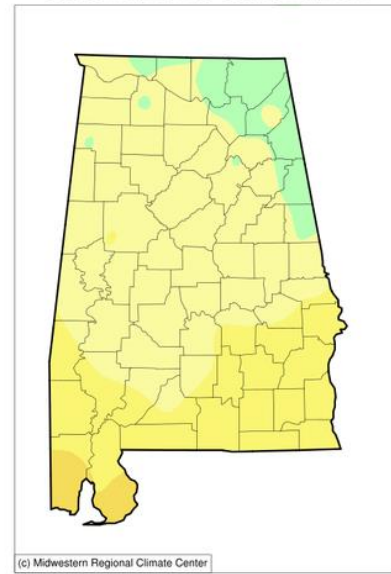
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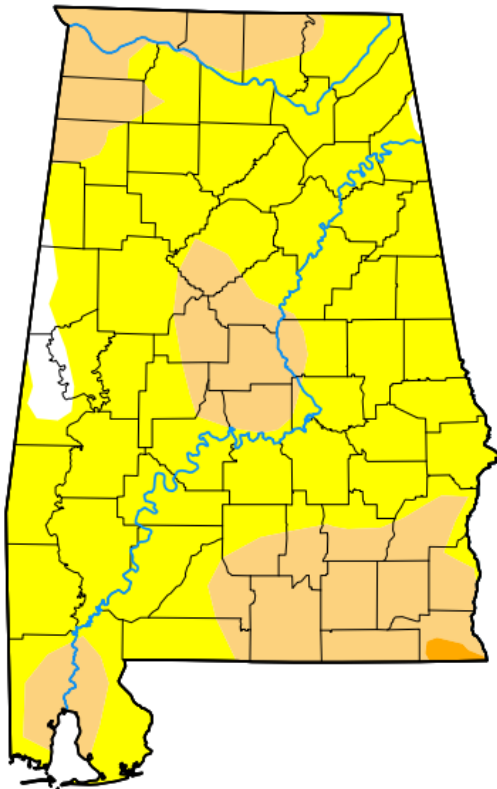
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.00	98.00	27.16	0.33	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-04-2022	35.95	64.05	13.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-12-2022	60.49	39.51	8.87	0.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	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 10-12-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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