



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 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 0.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the high 40s.

**Crops**

Most of the state experienced perfect weather for harvest activities. Some areas experienced their first freezing weather of the season. Cotton bolls opening neared completion with harvest continuing to make strong progress. Peanut digging and harvest continued across the state. Soybean producers took advantage of the dry weather and made good progress harvesting. Winter wheat planting continued in areas where moisture levels were suitable, with reporters in many areas noting that rain is needed to help progress the crop.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle continued to be in mostly good condition. Pasture conditions remained mostly fair to good but saw a drop in condition due to the lack of rain across the state.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/22**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	88	94	98	93
Cotton - Harvested.....	21	33	47	39
Peanuts - Dug.....	69	73	82	80
Peanuts - Harvested .....	46	58	70	64
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	94	94	97	96
Soybeans - Harvested .....	37	44	65	54
Winter wheat - Planted.....	11	9	19	17

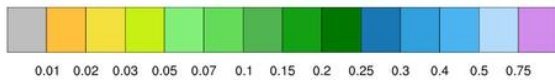
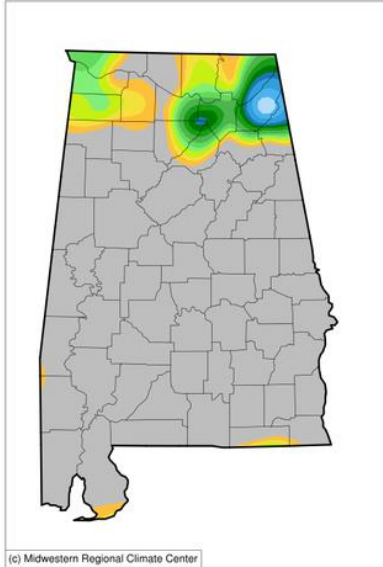
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/23/22**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	18	79	2
Cotton.....	0	3	19	74	4
Pasture and range ....	4	18	51	27	0
Soybeans .....	1	7	38	51	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/22**

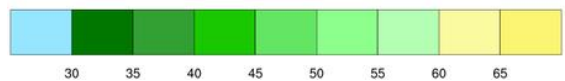
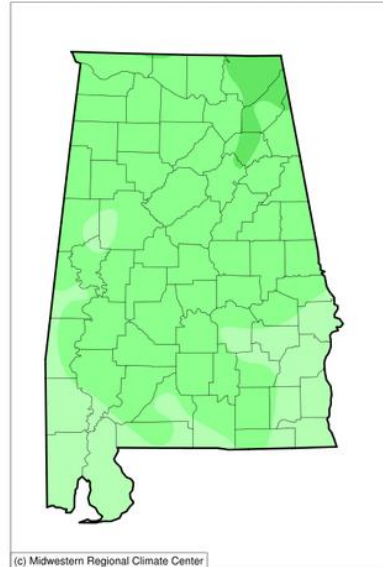
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	14
Short.....	47	48
Adequate .....	43	38
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	10
Short.....	40	45
Adequate .....	53	45
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 17, 2022 to October 23, 2022



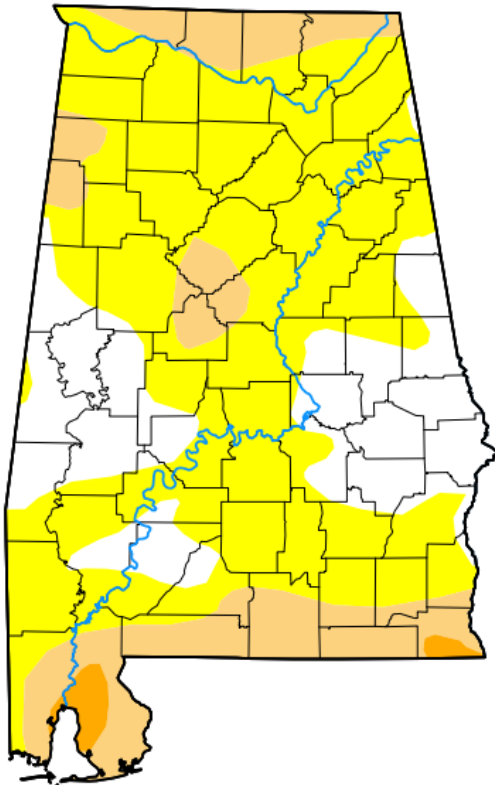
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 17, 2022 to October 23, 2022



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**October 18, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.99	77.01	18.41	1.36	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-11-2022	2.00	98.00	27.16	0.33	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-19-2022	70.03	29.97	6.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-19-2021	100.00	0.00	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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