



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.

September 26, 2022

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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, September 25, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced a hot and dry week, with only the northwestern part of the state receiving a notable amount of rain. The lack of rain caused a decline in soil moisture across the state, but levels remained mostly adequate. Reporters across the state noted that the lack of rain helped harvest conditions. Peanut digging and harvest continued to pick up steam ahead of any potential impacts from Hurricane Ian. The soybean crop continued dropping leaves and harvest began in parts of the state. Cotton plants continued to rapidly open bolls with some producers beginning harvest in the central and southern regions of the state. More hay producers continued to take advantage of the dry conditions by completing a third cutting.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle continued to be in mostly good condition. Pasture conditions also remained mostly good last week, although some reporters noted poor conditions in the southern part of the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/25/22

| Crop stage | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested | 71 | 67 | 82 | 83 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening..... | 50 | 58 | 74 | 69 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 68 | 68 | 83 | 71 |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 19 | 9 | 19 | 26 |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 11 | 2 | 9 | 12 |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves..... | 56 | 43 | 64 | 64 |
| Soybeans - Harvested | 4 | 1 | 11 | 9 |

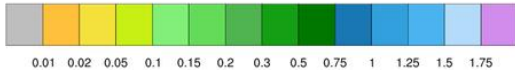
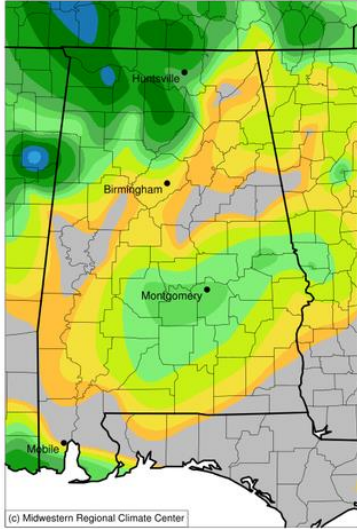
Conditions for Week Ending 09/25/22

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 1 | 2 | 10 | 84 | 3 |
| Cotton..... | 0 | 4 | 21 | 71 | 4 |
| Pasture and range | 0 | 5 | 28 | 65 | 2 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 1 | 12 | 73 | 14 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 4 | 29 | 64 | 2 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/25/22

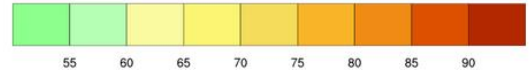
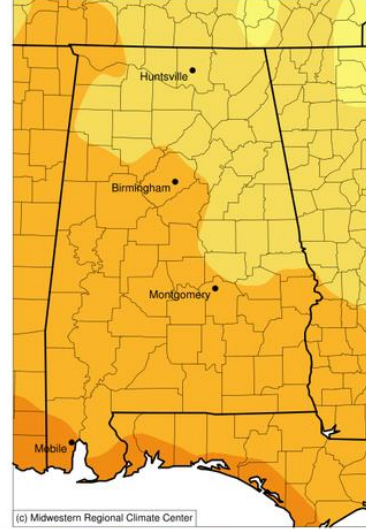
| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short..... | 1 | 5 |
| Short..... | 15 | 34 |
| Adequate | 74 | 61 |
| Surplus | 10 | 0 |
| Subsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0 | 4 |
| Short..... | 12 | 28 |
| Adequate | 84 | 67 |
| Surplus | 4 | 1 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022



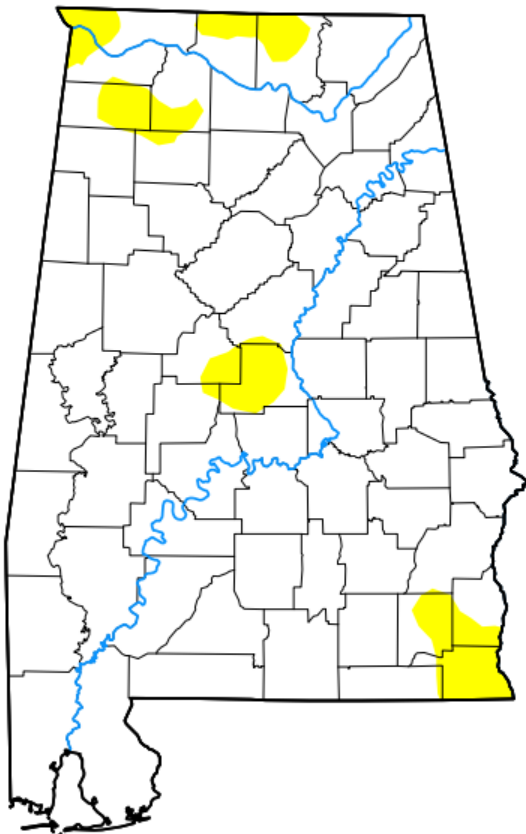
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Average Temperature (°F)
September 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 20, 2022

(Released Thursday, Sep. 22, 2022)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 93.37 | 6.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 09-13-2022 | 97.67 | 2.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 06-21-2022 | 81.55 | 18.45 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 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 09-26-2021 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 09-21-2021 | 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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