



**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.

October 10, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, October 8, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

It was another dry week for much of the state, with only the northern and southwestern regions of the state receiving even an adequate amount of precipitation. The weather conditions made it a good week for harvest activities, with operators conducting a significant amount of field work. Corn harvest was nearly complete and cotton producers made significant progress harvesting fields that had been defoliated. Early soybean harvest was well underway with good yields being reported. Reporters did note that rain is needed in many areas for peanut digging to commence in full.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Reporters noted that many pastures were beginning to dry up due to the lack of rain. Cattle were being fed supplemental hay due to the dry conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/08/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	95	85	91	93
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	91	80	88	85
Cotton - Harvested.....	23	10	20	17
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	95	86	89	88
Peanuts - Dug.....	58	43	66	54
Peanuts - Harvested .....	41	22	42	37
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	87	77	86	86
Soybeans - Harvested .....	29	21	35	26
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	2	1	3	5

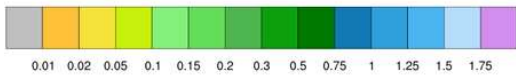
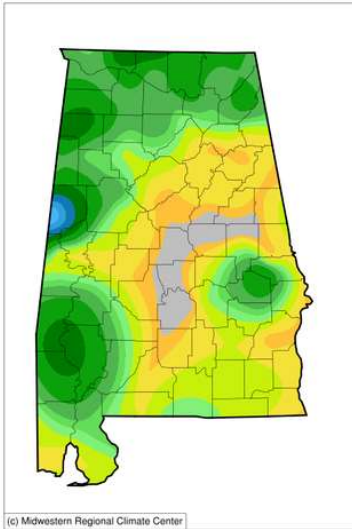
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/08/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	21	71	2
Cotton.....	5	14	27	47	7
Pasture and range ....	8	23	32	37	0
Peanuts .....	13	41	23	21	2
Soybeans .....	1	3	20	57	19

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/08/23**

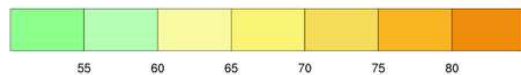
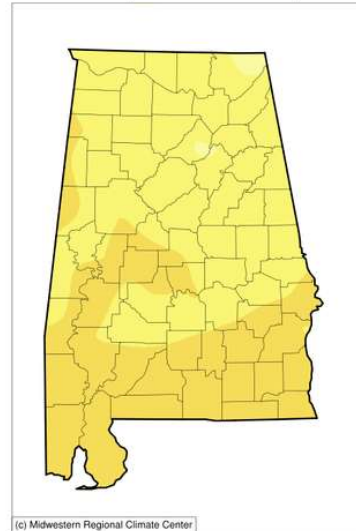
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	14	23
Short.....	52	54
Adequate .....	34	23
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	10	17
Short.....	50	55
Adequate .....	40	28
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023



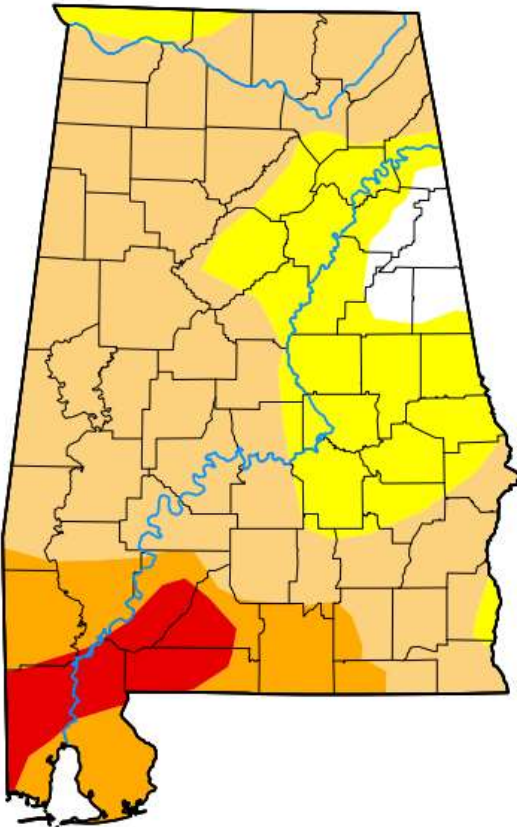
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**October 3, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.57	96.43	73.90	17.78	6.14	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-26-2023</i>	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-04-2023</i>	82.86	17.14	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2023</i>	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-04-2022</i>	35.95	64.05	13.73	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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