



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, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, October 15, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Much of the state received some amount of rain last week for the first time in a month, while some parts of the state still received very little precipitation. Reporters noted that a lack of rain in some areas was negatively impacting late planted soybean fields. In areas that did receive precipitation, field work was delayed and harvest of cotton and soybeans was slowed. Peanut digging activities were aided by increased soil moisture levels in some areas of the state. Seeding of small grains was underway, aided by the recent rainfall and cooler temperatures.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Reporters noted that warm season grasses were done growing and that winter season grasses were struggling to grow in some areas due to dry and hot weather for much of the last month. In these areas, conditions for cattle grazing were deteriorating.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/15/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	99	91	97	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	94	88	91	90
Cotton - Harvested.....	32	20	27	27
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	98	89	94	92
Peanuts - Dug.....	71	66	75	68
Peanuts - Harvested	56	42	63	50
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	93	86	94	93
Soybeans - Harvested	42	35	43	39
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	8	3	8	10

(NA) Not available.

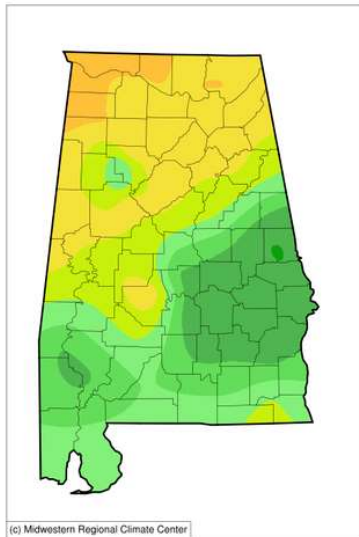
Conditions for Week Ending 10/15/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	22	71	2
Cotton.....	4	14	23	50	9
Pasture and range	10	25	30	35	0
Peanuts	21	32	22	23	2
Soybeans	1	8	15	57	19

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/15/23

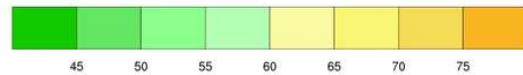
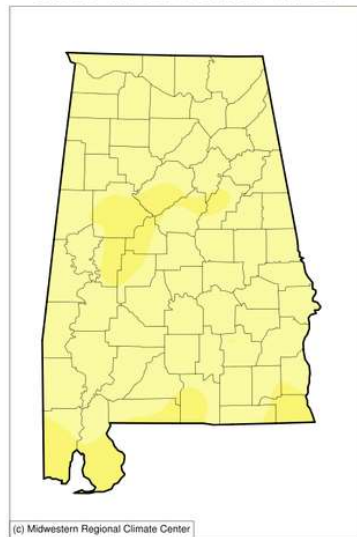
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	23	20
Short.....	54	47
Adequate	23	33
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	17	12
Short.....	55	53
Adequate	28	35
Surplus	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 09, 2023 to October 15, 2023



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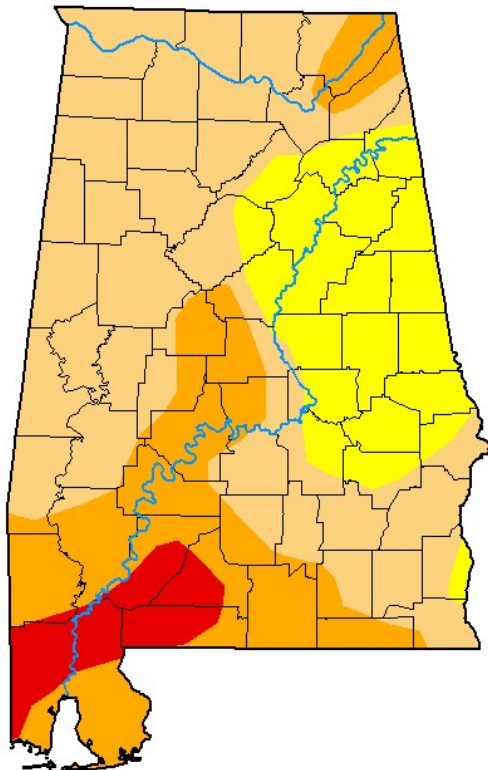
Average Temperature (°F)
October 09, 2023 to October 15, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 10, 2023
(Released Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	78.80	29.50	6.14	0.00
Last Week 10-03-2023	3.57	96.43	73.90	17.78	6.14	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-11-2023	91.81	8.19	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
One Year Ago 10-11-2022	2.00	98.00	27.16	0.33	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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