



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 23, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

**Crops**

It was another extremely dry week for the state, with no one location receiving half an inch of precipitation. Temperatures remained warm during the day but continued to cool down at night. Reporters noted high winds in some areas, increasing fire risks. The dry weather allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work last week, with good progress made in cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest. Reporters noted that continued dry weather prevented some operators from planting winter wheat and other winter crops.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition, while pastures were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Operators continued to feed supplemental hay to cattle due to increasingly poor pasture conditions.

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

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	97	91	94	94
Cotton - Harvested.....	45	27	41	38
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	99	94	97	95
Peanuts - Dug.....	81	75	82	78
Peanuts - Harvested .....	68	63	72	63
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	97	94	97	96
Soybeans - Harvested .....	62	43	56	52
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	18	8	20	16

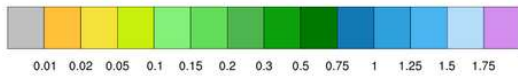
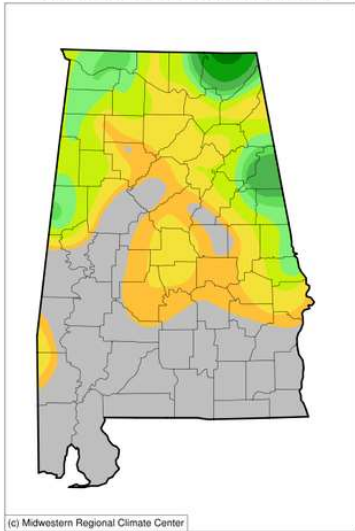
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/22/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	25	69	1
Cotton.....	6	16	25	46	7
Pasture and range ....	12	33	29	26	0
Soybeans .....	2	10	23	52	13

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

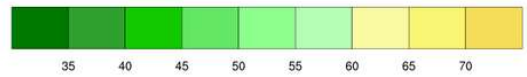
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	20	28
Short.....	47	48
Adequate .....	33	24
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	12	21
Short.....	53	55
Adequate .....	35	24
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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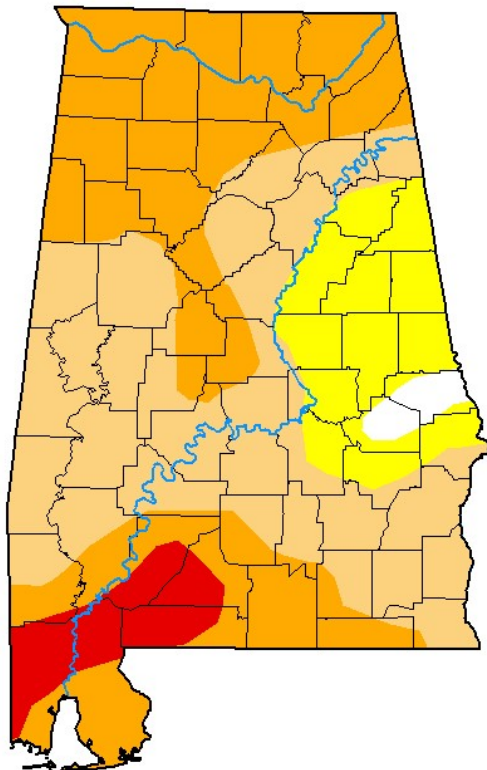
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 17, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	1.56	98.44	84.37	43.91	6.14	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-10-2023	0.00	100.00	78.80	29.50	6.14	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-18-2023	91.93	8.07	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-18-2022	22.99	77.01	18.41	1.36	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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