



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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, October 29, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

It was another extremely dry week for the entire state, with only a few isolated areas even receiving measurable precipitation. With the lack of rain and warm temperatures, drought conditions reached severe or worse for most of the state according to the latest US Drought Monitor. The dry weather allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work but prevented planting of winter crops due to the dry soil moisture. Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest all remained ahead of historical averages.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition, while pastures were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Reporters noted that pastures continued to deteriorate due to the dry weather. Cattle operators continued to feed supplemental hay due to poor grazing conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	99	94	97	96
Cotton - Harvested.....	57	41	53	48
Peanuts - Dug.....	89	82	88	87
Peanuts - Harvested.....	79	72	79	74
Soybeans - Harvested.....	74	56	69	61
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	30	20	34	22
Winter Wheat - Emerged ...	1	NA	1	2

(NA) Not Available

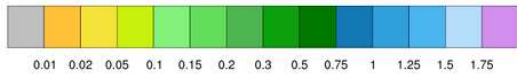
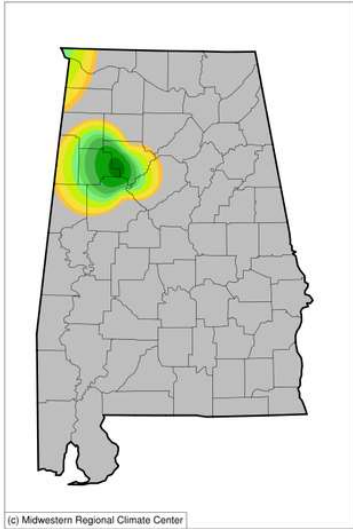
Conditions for Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	33	60	1
Cotton.....	6	16	31	40	7
Pasture and range....	21	42	25	12	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/29/23

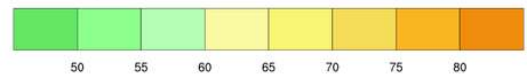
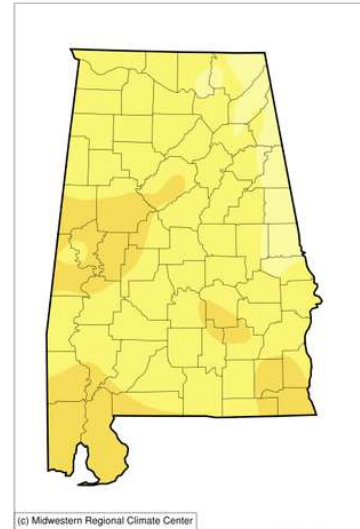
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	28	35
Short.....	48	50
Adequate.....	24	15
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	21	32
Short.....	55	58
Adequate.....	24	10
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 23, 2023 to October 29, 2023



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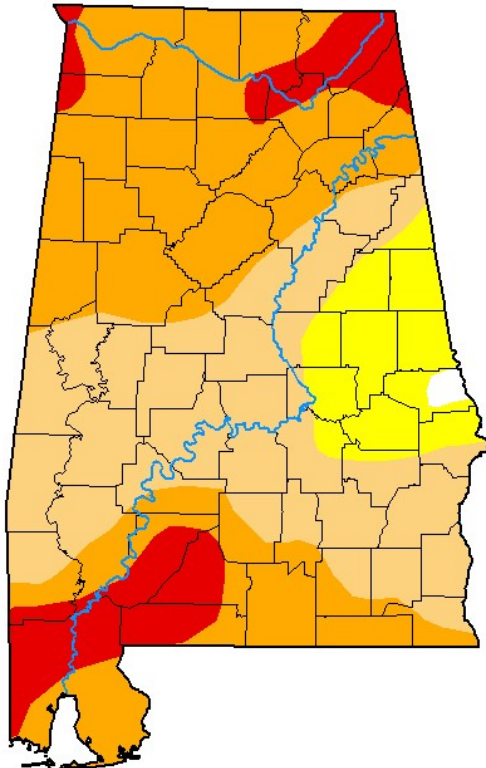
Average Temperature (°F)
October 23, 2023 to October 29, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 24, 2023
(Released Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.44	99.56	89.31	53.82	11.58	0.00
Last Week 10-17-2023	1.56	98.44	84.37	43.91	6.14	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-25-2023	94.22	5.78	2.10	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 10-25-2022	22.35	77.65	31.70	8.22	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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