



**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.

November 20, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, November 19, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Most of the state received some amount of rain last week, with the southern edge of the state receiving the most precipitation. Despite the rain, drought conditions remained extreme or worse in most of the state according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Reporters noted that many operators continued to wait to plant winter wheat in areas with dry conditions. Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest remained ahead of historical averages and all neared completion. Reporters noted instances of strong cotton yields in the Tennessee Valley region of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition, while pastures were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Cattle continued to be fed supplemental hay due to poor grazing conditions across much of the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	86	79	89	80
Peanuts - Harvested	97	91	94	93
Soybeans - Harvested	95	94	96	86
Winter Wheat - Planted.....	68	49	65	58
Winter Wheat - Emerged ...	46	14	26	38

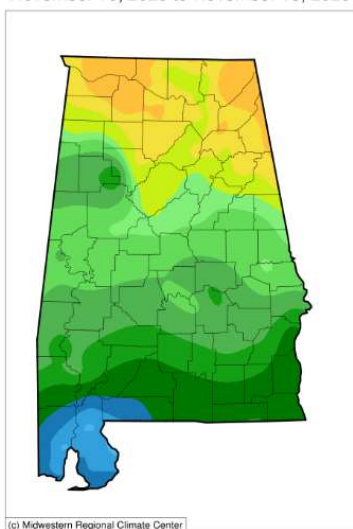
Conditions for Week Ending 11/19/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	3	9	32	54	2
Pasture and range	28	36	32	4	0

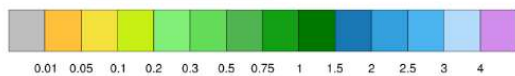
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/19/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	51	51
Short.....	38	32
Adequate	11	17
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	39	41
Short.....	48	44
Adequate	13	14
Surplus	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 13, 2023 to November 19, 2023

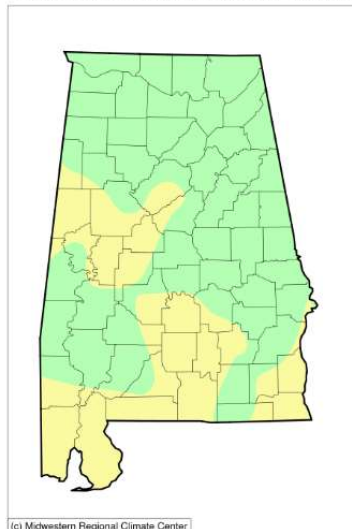


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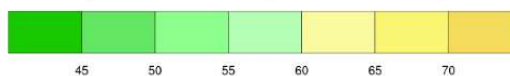


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Average Temperature (°F)
November 13, 2023 to November 19, 2023



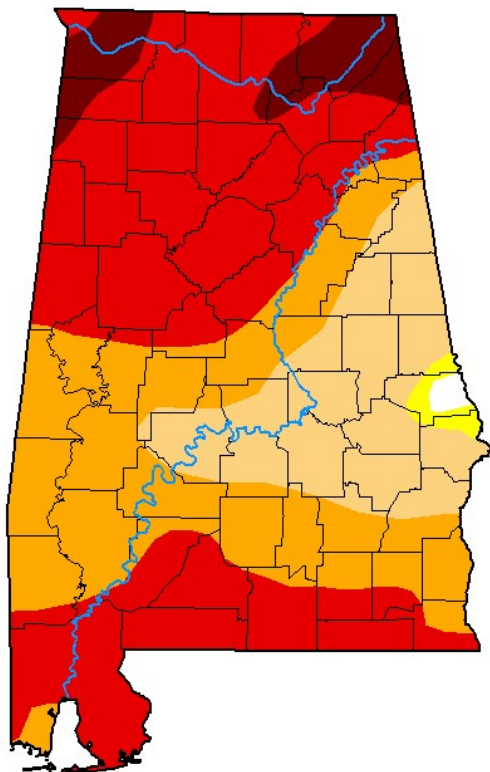
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.44	99.56	98.64	80.27	50.75	5.97
Last Week 11-07-2023	0.44	99.56	98.52	78.57	37.54	1.38
3 Months Ago 08-15-2023	84.47	15.53	0.37	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 11-15-2022	11.52	88.48	41.47	4.67	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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