



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 6, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, November 5, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 20s to the mid 40s.

**Crops**

It was another extremely dry week for the entire state, with only isolated areas in the northwestern and southwestern regions of the state receiving any precipitation. Temperatures fell throughout the week, leading some areas to experience their first freeze of the year. The lack of rain allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work, with cotton, peanut, and soybean harvest remaining ahead of historical progress. Reporters noted that some operators continued to not plant winter wheat due to unfavorable soil conditions.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition, while pastures were reported to be in poor to fair condition. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate after another dry week. Freezing temperatures in some areas also negatively impacted pastures. Reporters noted that water sources in some areas were very low. There were some fears of hay shortages due to the lack of a third harvest of hay by some operators due to the extended dry weather.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/5/23**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	68	53	68	61
Peanuts - Dug.....	93	88	94	92
Peanuts - Harvested .....	86	79	85	82
Soybeans - Harvested .....	82	69	80	70
Winter Wheat - Planted .....	41	34	45	31
Winter Wheat - Emerged ...	10	1	6	9

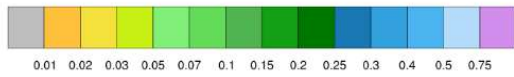
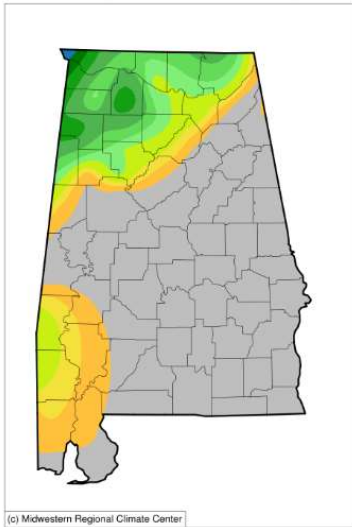
**Conditions for Week Ending 11/5/23**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	7	33	58	1
Pasture and range .....	24	42	30	4	0

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/5/23**

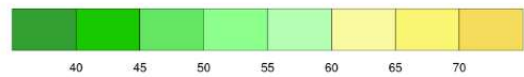
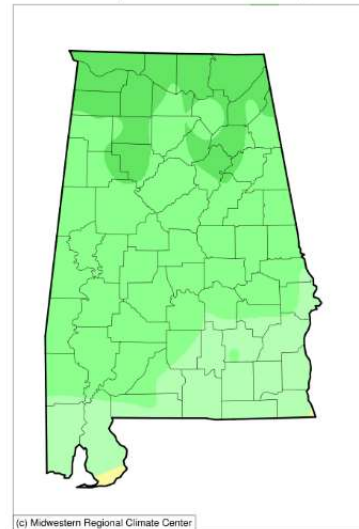
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	35	43
Short.....	50	47
Adequate .....	15	10
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	32	38
Short.....	58	53
Adequate .....	10	9
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023



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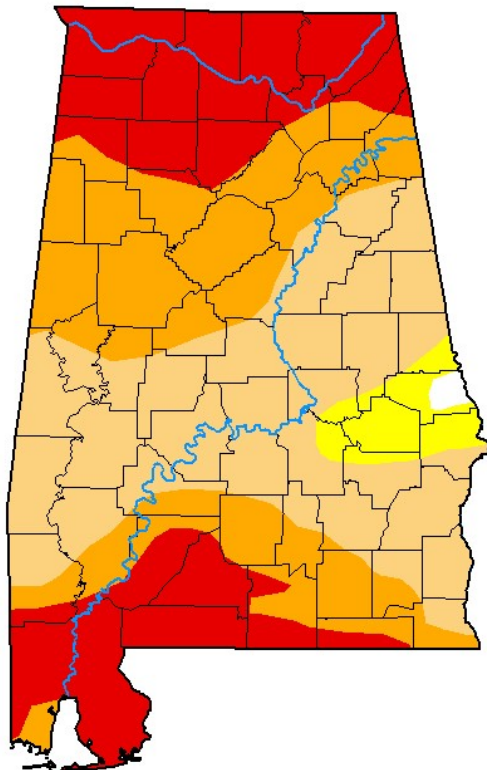
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 31, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.43	99.57	95.39	58.37	28.70	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-24-2023	0.44	99.56	89.31	53.82	11.58	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-01-2023	86.97	13.03	2.10	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> 11-01-2022	26.62	73.38	30.10	3.64	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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