



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, September 10, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

It was an extremely dry week for the entire state in which many areas did not receive any precipitation at all. Temperatures remained higher than historical averages throughout much of the state as well. Operators took advantage of the dry weather and made strong progress in corn harvest and a third harvest of hay. Cotton boll opening made good progress but remained behind historical averages. Reporters noted operators were pod blasting peanuts to determine maturity as some areas began digging the crop. Soybean pod setting and leaves dropping had modest weeks of progress but remained on par with historical progress.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition. Reporters noted that some pastures were struggling due to a lack of rain and high temperatures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/10/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	45	31	46	51
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	43	24	37	46
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	52	26	50	51
Peanuts - Dug.....	3	0	3	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	98	93	97	97
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	30	23	34	33

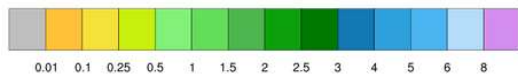
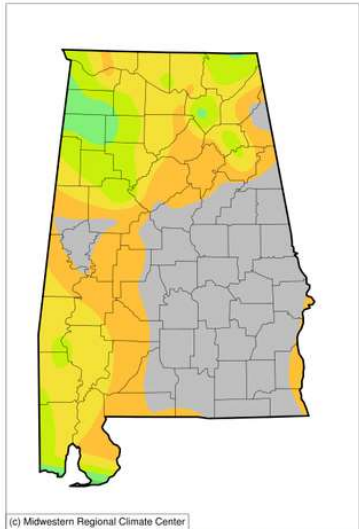
Conditions for Week Ending 9/10/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	16	77	5
Corn.....	0	1	12	70	17
Cotton.....	1	5	35	52	7
Pasture and range	2	12	27	59	0
Peanuts.....	3	14	37	43	3
Soybeans.....	0	2	18	59	21

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/10/23

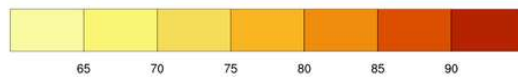
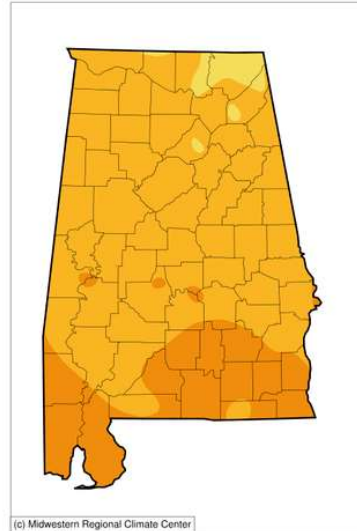
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	8
Short.....	46	43
Adequate.....	49	49
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	4
Short.....	39	39
Adequate.....	60	57
Surplus.....	1	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 04, 2023 to September 10, 2023



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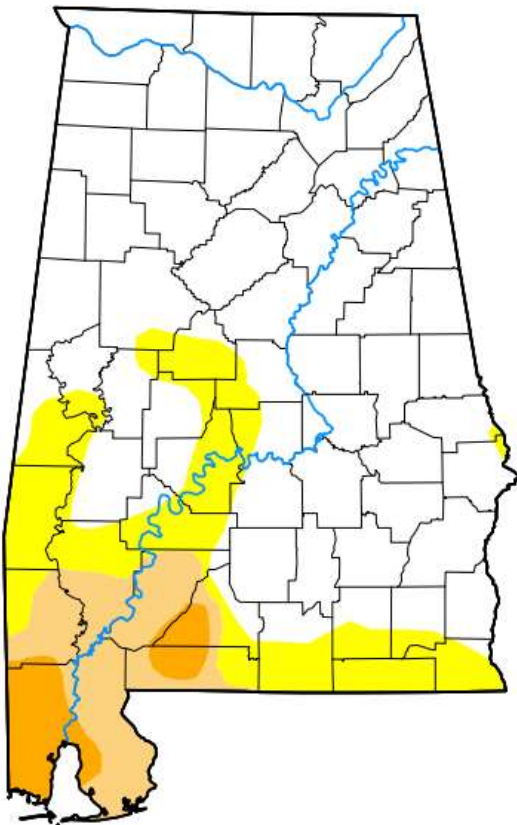
Average Temperature (°F)
September 04, 2023 to September 10, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 5, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 7, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.92	28.08	12.20	3.91	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-29-2023</i>	66.79	33.21	12.79	4.64	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-06-2023</i>	87.97	12.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-06-2022</i>	97.26	2.74	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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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