



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, September 17, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

Much of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, although parts of the western region of the state received very little precipitation. Reporters noted that the rain was much needed for lots of areas that were struggling with persistent high temperatures and dry weather. Despite the rain, many operators were able to conduct a significant amount of field work the past week. Cotton boll opening was helped by the rain in many areas, while the first signs of harvest were seen in some areas. Peanut digging and harvest both began to pick up steam with help from the increased soil moisture. Corn harvest continued to lag previous years in progress, while a third cutting of hay and soybean harvest were on par with historical averages. Reporters noted concern from some operators about crop loss to wildlife.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition. Pastures in areas with little precipitation continued to need rain for improvement. Reporters also noted that some operators were using supplemental feed for cattle due to poor grazing conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/17/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	64	46	58	69
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	56	37	52	59
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	1	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	66	50	69	65
Peanuts - Dug.....	8	3	12	11
Peanuts - Harvested	2	0	7	4
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	41	34	42	47
Soybeans - Harvested	1	NA	2	2

(NA) Not available

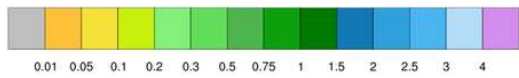
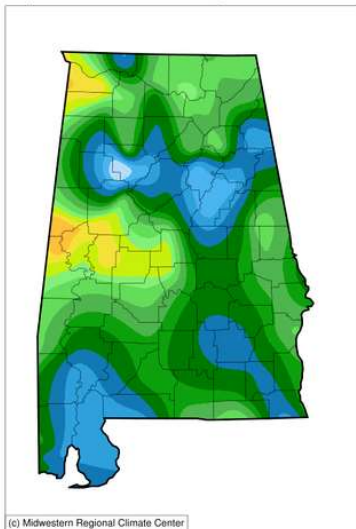
Conditions for Week Ending 9/17/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	19	75	4
Cotton.....	1	4	32	55	8
Pasture and range	3	12	27	58	0
Peanuts	1	22	37	35	5
Soybeans	0	1	17	61	21

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/17/23

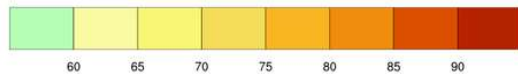
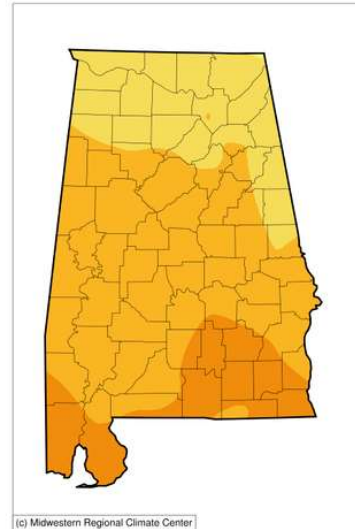
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	8	6
Short.....	43	35
Adequate	49	58
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	4	6
Short.....	39	35
Adequate	57	58
Surplus	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



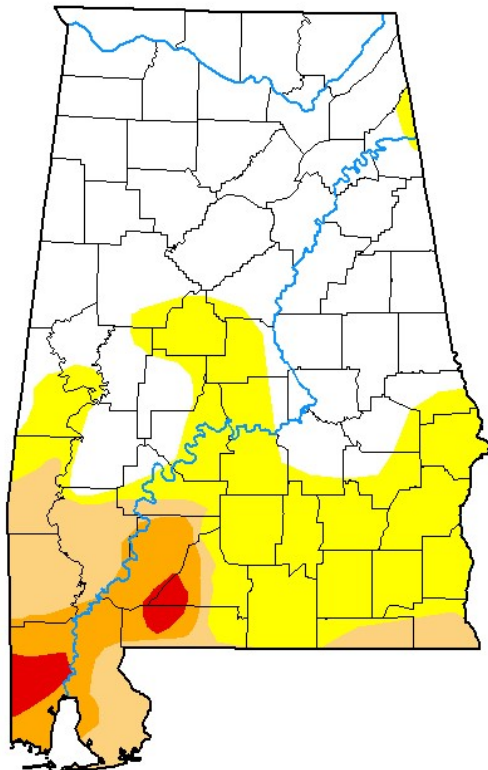
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Average Temperature (°F)
September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 12, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 14, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.81	44.19	17.05	7.47	1.62	0.00
Last Week 09-05-2023	71.92	28.08	12.20	3.91	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-13-2023	60.22	39.78	0.00	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 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-13-2022	97.67	2.33	0.00	0.00	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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