



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.

September 25, 2023

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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, September 24, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

It was an extremely dry week for the entire state, with many areas of the state receiving no precipitation for the entire week. Temperatures remained high during the day but began to cool off some at night compared to previous weeks. The dry weather allowed operators to conduct a significant amount of field work, with harvest activities in full swing. Despite the dry weather, reporters noted that corn moisture remained too high to harvest the crop in some areas of the state. The lack of rain negatively affected peanut digging progress, with some operators using irrigation systems to help the crop. Cotton defoliation was underway in many areas. Cotton boll opening and soybean leaves dropping both had strong weeks of progress but continued to lag slightly behind historical averages.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Livestock and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Reporters noted that both livestock and pastures in many areas were suffering from the lack of rain. Some additional moisture is also needed to get winter grazing planted.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 9/24/23**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	80	58	75	80
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	72	52	66	70
Cotton - Harvested.....	4	1	3	3
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	81	69	79	77
Peanuts - Dug.....	18	12	20	22
Peanuts - Harvested .....	8	7	13	10
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	61	42	58	63
Soybeans - Harvested .....	10	2	11	8

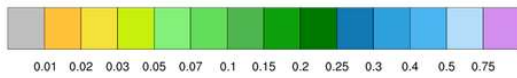
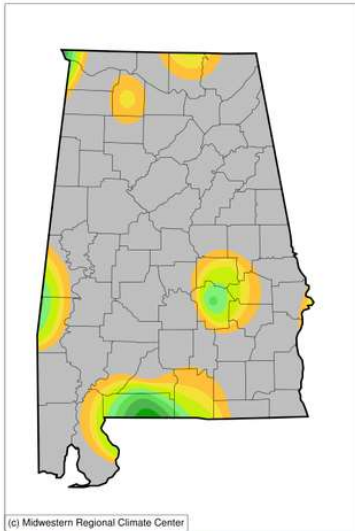
**Conditions for Week Ending 9/24/23**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	17	80	2
Cotton.....	1	6	31	53	9
Pasture and range ....	2	10	33	54	1
Peanuts .....	2	31	30	32	5
Soybeans .....	0	1	15	62	22

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 9/24/23**

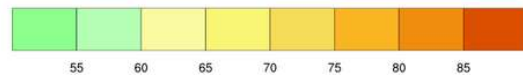
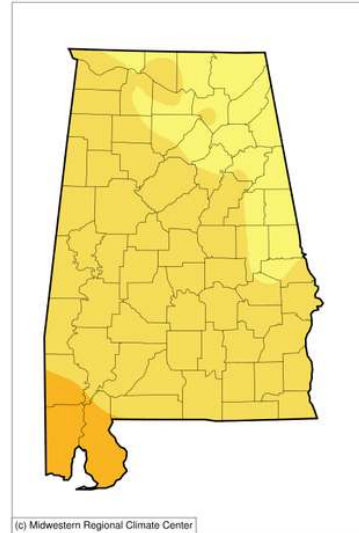
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	6	5
Short.....	35	48
Adequate .....	58	47
Surplus .....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	6	5
Short.....	35	43
Adequate .....	58	51
Surplus .....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



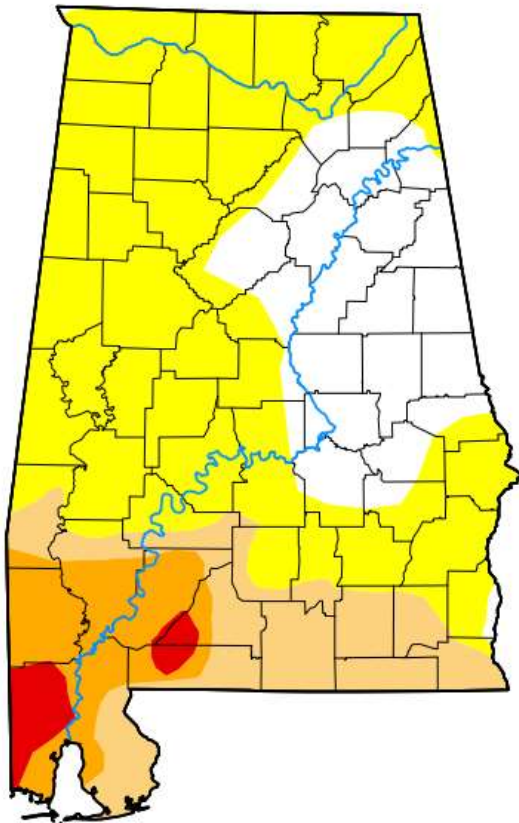
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**September 19, 2023**

(Released Thursday, Sep. 21, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.71	77.29	24.40	10.86	2.30	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-12-2023	55.81	44.19	17.05	7.47	1.62	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-20-2023	75.65	24.35	4.11	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> 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-20-2022	93.37	6.63	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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