



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 3, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 6.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Although cooler than last week, this past week was hot with sporadic rain showers across the state; however, many reporters noted that the rainfall was not sufficient to overcome the dry conditions. Nearly all the corn in the state was mature and harvesting activities were underway. Some producers reported high moisture levels in select areas delaying corn harvest. Cotton bolls were really starting to open with all the heat. The third cutting of hay was well underway across the state. Most of the soybeans in the state have set pods and producers noted that more were dropping leaves.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/03/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	99	93	97	94
Corn - Harvested	33	20	31	36
Cotton - Setting Bolls	99	95	97	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening	32	14	24	34
Hay - 3rd Cutting	37	NA	26	35
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	93	90	93	94
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	22	9	23	22

(NA) Not available.

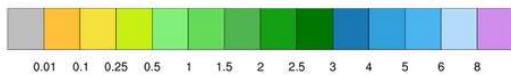
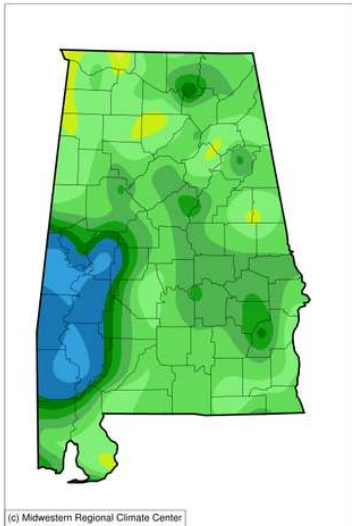
Conditions for Week Ending 09/03/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	15	80	4
Corn	0	1	15	75	9
Cotton	0	3	30	56	11
Pasture and range	1	10	26	63	0
Peanuts	0	5	39	52	4
Soybeans	0	2	15	61	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/03/23

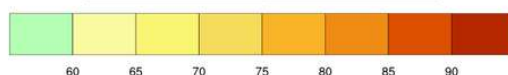
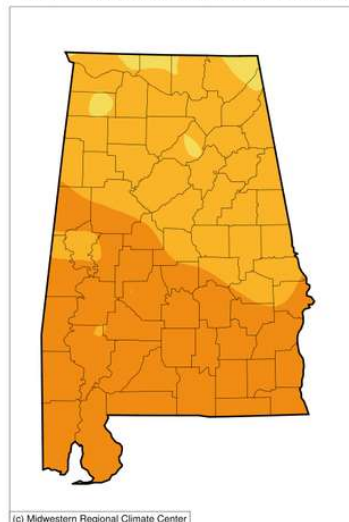
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	4
Short	37	46
Adequate	50	49
Surplus	0	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	0
Short	31	39
Adequate	61	60
Surplus	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 28, 2023 to September 03, 2023



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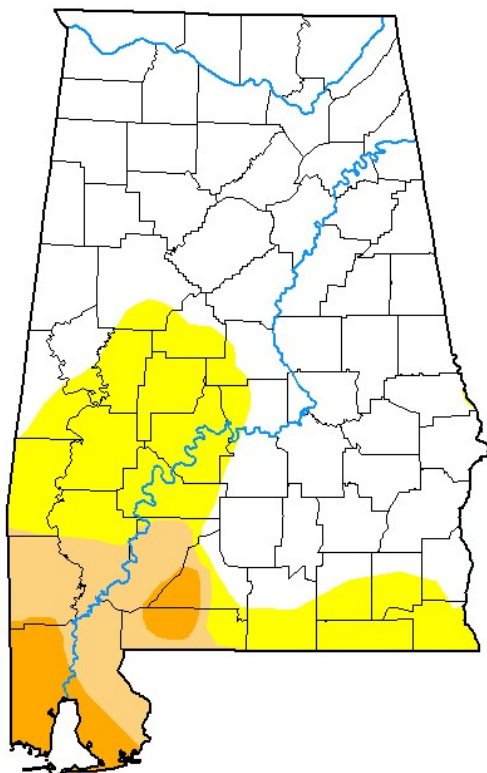
Average Temperature (°F)
August 28, 2023 to September 03, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 29, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.79	33.21	12.79	4.64	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-22-2023	69.76	30.24	9.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-30-2023	100.00	0.00	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 08-30-2022	95.28	4.72	0.50	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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