



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 in Alabama, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to trace amounts of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received no rainfall with the Northwest corner receiving trace amounts of rain. With the dry and warmer conditions, producers were able to make good progress in the fields. Producers continued to note below average quality and yields for many crops due to prolonged drought conditions throughout the state. Cotton bolls opening neared completion while cotton harvest made great progress last week. Hay cutting continued slowly. Peanut and soybean harvests were also well underway. Many producers were weary of planting wheat due to the state’s current drought conditions.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Many cattle producers continued to supplement feeding with hay. Pasture conditions were worsening due to the extended dry conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/27/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	96	96	97	96
Cotton - Harvested.....	50	45	58	46
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	NA	80	85	NA
Peanuts - Dug .....	86	80	88	85
Peanuts - Harvested .....	77	51	63	72
Soybeans - Harvested .....	65	69	79	60
Winter wheat - Planted .....	30	22	28	23
Winter wheat - Emerged.....	1	NA	2	1

(NA) Not available.

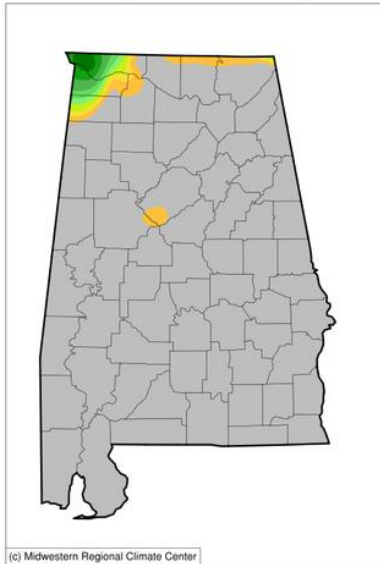
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/27/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	8	28	61	2
Cotton .....	3	18	39	39	1
Pasture and range .....	12	22	42	24	0

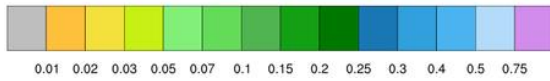
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/27/24**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	16	21
Short .....	37	42
Adequate .....	46	37
Surplus.....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	16	21
Short .....	40	42
Adequate .....	43	37
Surplus.....	1	0

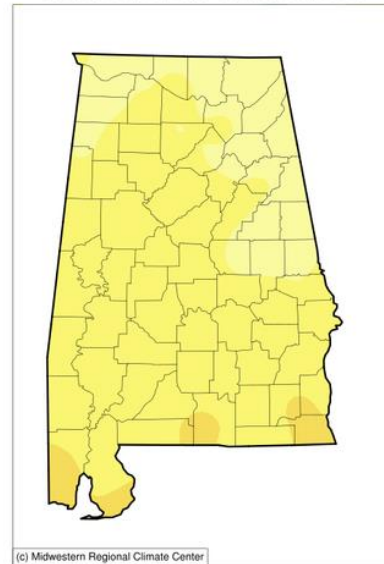
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024



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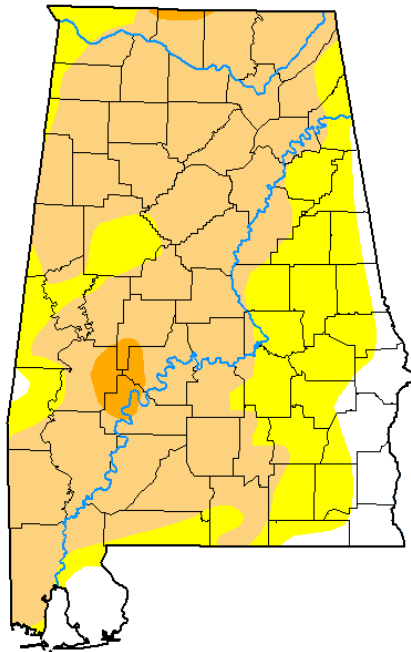


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 22, 2024**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**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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