



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

Most of the state remained dry or experienced light rain throughout the week. Corn harvest was nearly complete. Nearly all cotton bolls had opened, and cotton harvest progressed well. In parts of the state, producers reported cotton boll rot from damp, rainy weather while others reported some flooding of cotton fields. Peanut growers continued digging peanuts and made good progress harvesting the crop throughout the week. The third cutting of hay continued to progress slowly. Many producers continued to report concerns about even getting a third cutting of hay due to the poor field conditions. Soybean harvest continued while the crop nearly completed dropping leaves. In Walker and Jefferson Counties, strawberries were planted for next year’s harvest.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in mostly good to fair condition, as were pastures. Many cattle producers supplemented feeding with hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/06/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	89	92	95	90
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	86	80	91	83
Cotton - Harvested.....	17	7	20	15
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	88	60	64	87
Peanuts - Dug	59	35	64	52
Peanuts - Harvested	36	12	30	35
Soybeans - Drop Leaves	83	81	89	82
Soybeans - Harvested	31	25	38	24
Winter wheat - Planted	2	1	2	4

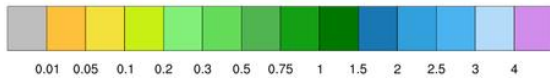
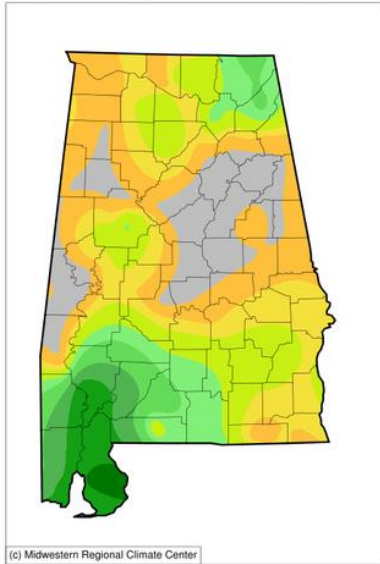
Conditions for Week Ending 10/06/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	29	65	4
Cotton	2	10	46	42	0
Pasture and range	4	11	43	41	1
Peanuts.....	2	8	40	49	1
Soybeans.....	13	24	39	24	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/06/24

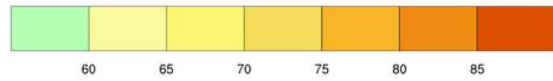
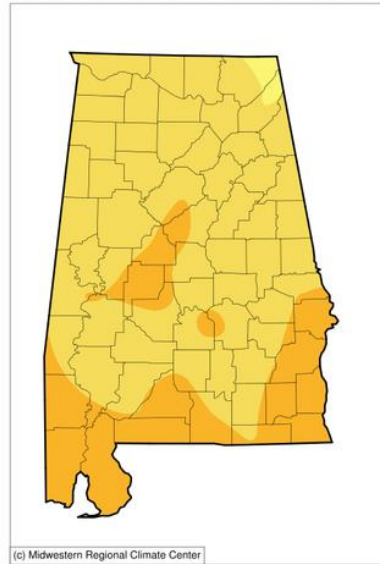
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	7	5
Short	23	29
Adequate	62	60
Surplus.....	8	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	8	5
Short	35	32
Adequate	50	57
Surplus.....	7	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



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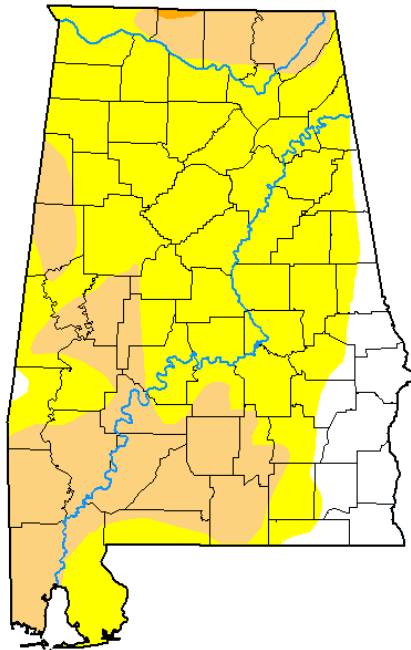
Average Temperature (°F)
September 30, 2024 to October 06, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 1, 2024
(Released Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024)
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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