



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

Southern Region, Alabama Field Office · 4121 Carmichael Road · Montgomery, AL 36106 · (334) 279-3555 · (855) 271-9801 FAX
www.nass.usda.gov

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 16, 2024

Media Contact: Charmaine Wilson

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2024. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 10.9 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

During the latter half of the week, rain fall ranged from localized, heavy rainfall to light showers throughout the state. Despite the increase in moisture, drought conditions persisted across nearly the entire state, The weather delayed field operations for many producers. Some areas experienced high winds which affected corn and cotton. Corn harvest continued as weather allowed. Cotton bolls continued to open while some producers began to defoliate fields. The third cutting of hay continued slowly as some fields recovered from heavy rains. Peanut producers began to dig peanuts allowing harvest to begin. The soybean crop continued to mature as most pods were set, leaves were dropping, and harvest had begun.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Producers continued to supplement with hay due to pastures declining.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/15/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	55	60	77	60
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	48	46	62	52
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	1	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	64	35	42	60
Peanuts - Dug	9	5	10	10
Peanuts - Harvested	5	1	3	4
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	NA	92	97	NA
Soybeans - Drop Leaves	40	36	48	38
Soybeans - Harvested	NA	NA	5	NA

(NA) Not available.

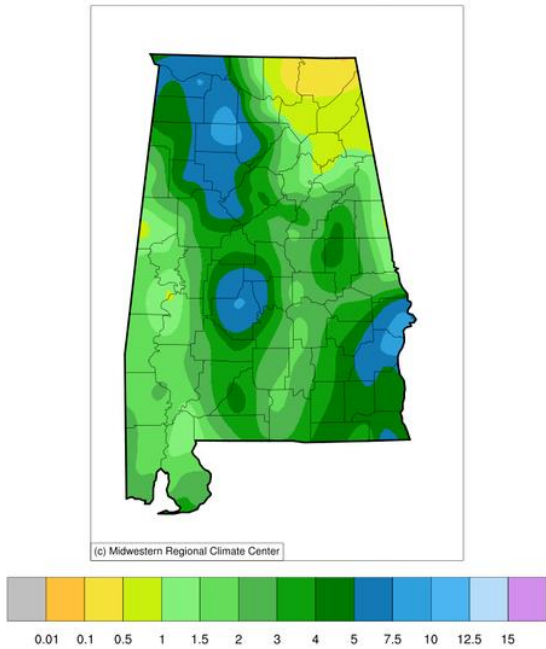
Conditions for Week Ending 09/15/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	27	67	2
Cotton	3	10	38	48	1
Pasture and range	7	17	38	35	3
Peanuts.....	1	4	34	60	1
Soybeans.....	12	22	40	25	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/15/24

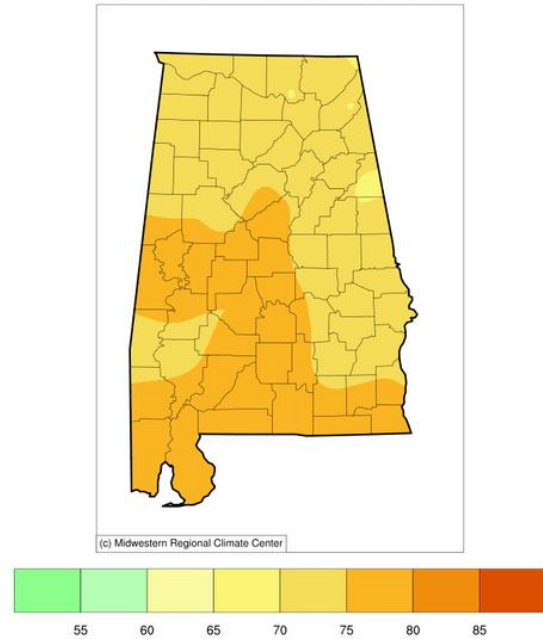
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	23	15
Short	45	37
Adequate	31	43
Surplus.....	1	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	21	12
Short	48	43
Adequate	30	40
Surplus.....	1	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

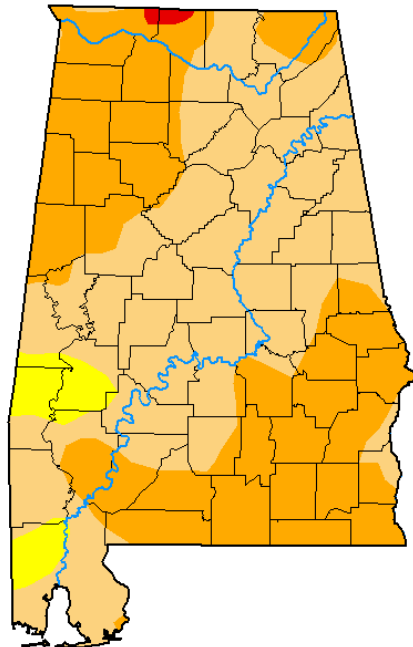
Average Temperature (°F)
September 09, 2024 to September 15, 2024



<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>

U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 10, 2024
(Released Thursday, Sep. 12, 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>

Author:

Lindsay Johnson
National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu