



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 23, 2024

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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, September 22, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

The southwest area of the state received light to moderate rainfall last week with the rest of the state receiving little to no rain. Drought conditions persisted across the state with parts of Jackson and Limestone counties in extreme drought. The warmer and drier conditions allowed more time for field operations. Corn harvest continued throughout the week. Cotton producers were busy defoliating fields while some producers were able to get started with harvest activities. Peanuts were reported to look good in many areas. Producers were busy harvesting peanuts that were dug prior to last week’s storm. The third cutting of hay continued to progress slowly. Many producers reported concerns about even getting a third cutting in due to the poor field conditions from drought. The soybean crop continued to drop leaves and harvest continued to be ahead of schedule.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. In Chambers and Lee Counties, slowed growth in hay fields impacted the quality of livestock.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/22/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	70	77	85	74
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	62	62	73	65
Cotton - Harvested.....	2	1	4	2
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	76	42	51	74
Peanuts - Dug	18	10	22	19
Peanuts - Harvested	11	3	7	9
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	53	48	69	55
Soybeans - Harvested	8	5	15	6
Winter wheat - Planted	0	NA	0	1

(NA) Not available.

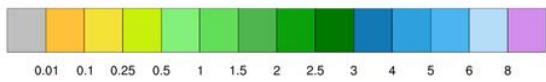
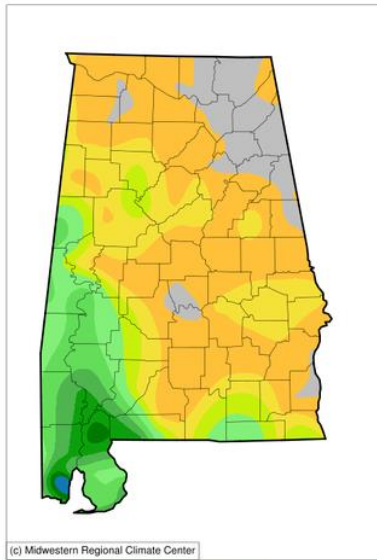
Conditions for Week Ending 09/22/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	28	67	2
Cotton	2	9	39	48	2
Pasture and range	7	13	39	38	3
Peanuts.....	1	2	31	61	5
Soybeans.....	11	23	39	25	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/22/24

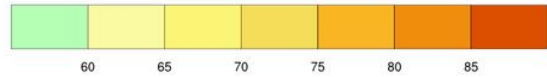
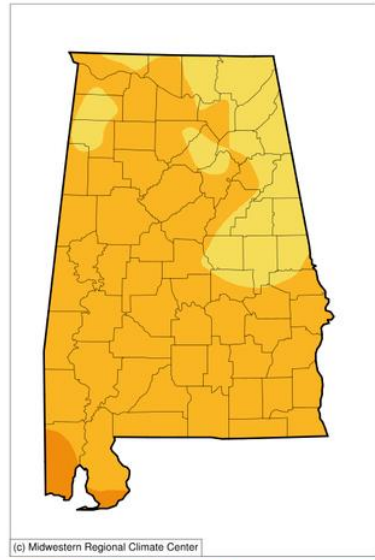
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	15	9
Short	37	35
Adequate	43	52
Surplus.....	5	4
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	12	8
Short	43	43
Adequate	40	46
Surplus.....	5	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024



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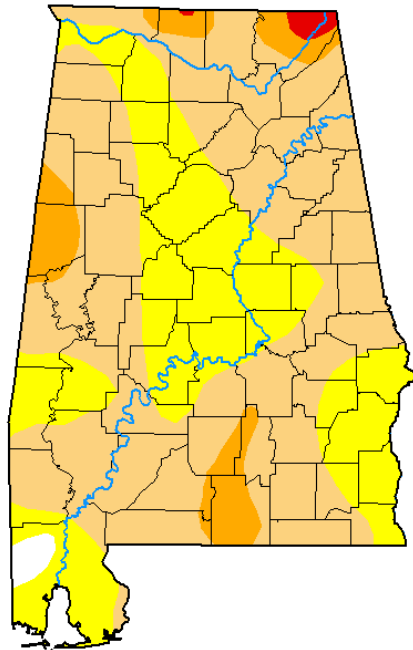
Average Temperature (°F)
September 16, 2024 to September 22, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

September 17, 2024
(Released Thursday, Sep. 19, 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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