



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 1, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received light rainfall. A couple counties in Northwest Alabama remained in the severe drought category and the dry conditions continued to negatively impact corn and soybeans. Corn for grain continued to mature and be harvested with below average yields still being reported. Cotton setting bolls slowly progressed while cotton bolls opening continued. Hay second cutting was nearly complete as the third cutting progressed. Some producers reported their third hay cutting had poor quality and low yields. In Macon and Russell counties, producers struggled with armyworms in hay and pastures. Peanuts digging progressed and were reported to have lower yield potential due to lack of moisture. Soybeans setting pods neared completion while plants continued to drop leaves. In Lauderdale County, producers noticed some plants had empty pods. Overall, many reported that soybean plants were turning too quickly due to lack of rain.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition while pastures were in fair to good condition. Many producers continued to supplement with hay due to pastures declining from dry weather conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/01/24**

| Crop stage                  | Prev year<br>(percent) | Prev week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Mature .....         | 96                     | 90                     | 93                     | 93                      |
| Corn - Harvested.....       | 28                     | 26                     | 44                     | 29                      |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 96                     | 90                     | 93                     | 98                      |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening..... | 21                     | 20                     | 34                     | 27                      |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting .....     | NA                     | 92                     | 95                     | NA                      |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting.....      | NA                     | 6                      | 26                     | NA                      |
| Peanuts - Dug .....         | 0                      | NA                     | 2                      | 1                       |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods.... | 92                     | 85                     | 91                     | 92                      |
| Soybeans - Drop Leaves....  | 19                     | 10                     | 23                     | 16                      |

(NA) Not available.

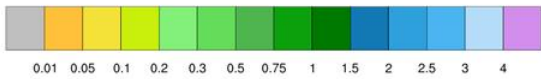
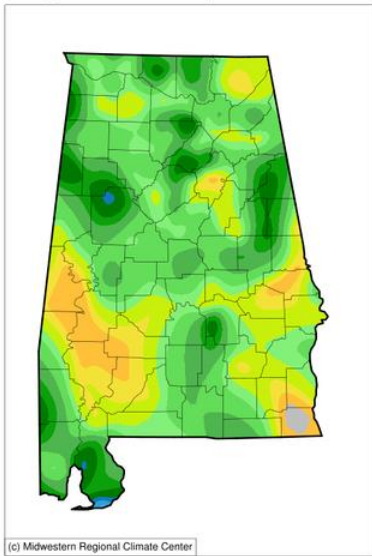
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/01/24**

| Crop                   | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle.....            | 1                      | 6                 | 30                | 60                | 3                      |
| Corn.....              | 19                     | 21                | 34                | 25                | 1                      |
| Cotton.....            | 1                      | 11                | 36                | 51                | 1                      |
| Pasture and range .... | 9                      | 25                | 39                | 26                | 1                      |
| Peanuts.....           | 1                      | 3                 | 26                | 66                | 4                      |
| Soybeans.....          | 9                      | 14                | 42                | 35                | 0                      |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/01/24**

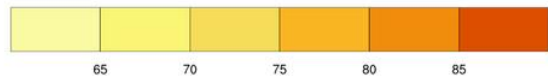
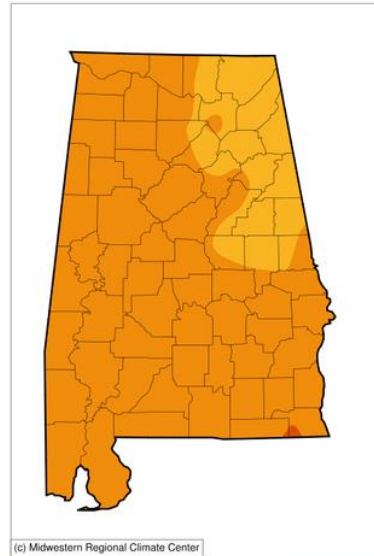
| Topsoil          | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short ..... | 12                         | 17                     |
| Short .....      | 44                         | 45                     |
| Adequate .....   | 43                         | 37                     |
| Surplus.....     | 1                          | 1                      |
| Subsoil          | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
| Very short ..... | 13                         | 17                     |
| Short .....      | 39                         | 46                     |
| Adequate .....   | 47                         | 36                     |
| Surplus.....     | 1                          | 1                      |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 26, 2024 to September 01, 2024



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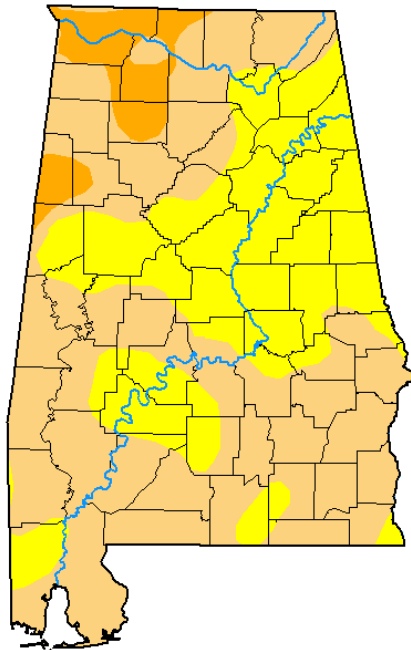
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 26, 2024 to September 01, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 27, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 29, 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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