



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 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 29, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 9.8 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

Due to Hurricane Helene, the counties bordering Georgia received heavy rains and wind. Parts of the state that received light rain, remained mostly hot and dry. Despite the rain received, drought conditions continued across the state with parts of Jackson and Limestone Counties remaining in extreme drought. In the parts of the state with heavy amounts of rain, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were damaged and flooded. Corn harvest continued to wrap up throughout the week. In Calhoun County, unharvested corn crops suffered from wind damage. Cotton harvest really started to pick up last week in many areas as weather permitted. Peanuts continued to be dug and harvested and were delayed in counties that experienced heavy rainfall due to the hurricane. The third cutting of hay continued to progress slowly. Many producers continued to report concerns about even getting a third cutting in due to the poor field conditions. Soybean harvest continued with mixed yields being reported.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. The rain helped improve pasture conditions. In areas that received less rain, producers were feeding livestock hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	82	85	92	84
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	76	73	80	76
Cotton - Harvested.....	8	4	7	7
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	84	51	60	82
Peanuts - Dug	36	22	35	35
Peanuts - Harvested	19	7	12	20
Soybeans - Drop Leaves	72	69	81	70
Soybeans - Harvested	18	15	25	12
Winter wheat - Planted	1	0	1	2

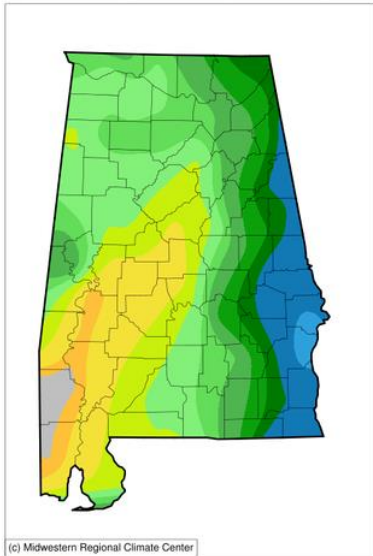
Conditions for Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	29	66	2
Cotton	2	9	43	45	1
Pasture and range	5	12	36	44	3
Peanuts.....	2	3	37	57	1
Soybeans.....	9	26	38	27	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/29/24

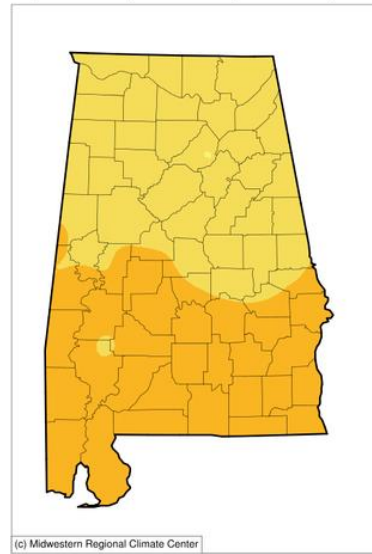
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	9	7
Short	35	23
Adequate	52	62
Surplus.....	4	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	8	8
Short	43	35
Adequate	46	50
Surplus.....	3	7

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 23, 2024 to September 29, 2024



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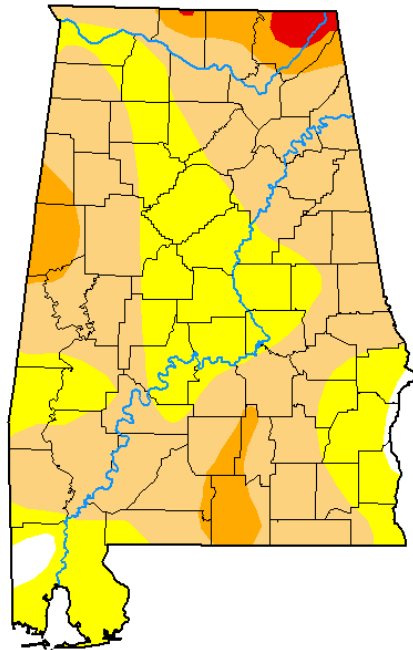
Average Temperature (°F)
September 23, 2024 to September 29, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 24, 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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