



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



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics in Alabama, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.57 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to low 60s.

County Comments

No rain again this week. That is good for corn, cotton, and peanut harvest but not good for late soybeans trying to fill out. Pastures are burned up with several producers having to feed hay already.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Have not seen a lot of planting or prep for wheat. Conditions are currently so dry that the seed would not germinate. Pasture continues to decline and many are already feeding supplemental hay supplies.

Shane Seay, Limestone County

No rain but cooler this week. Most livestock producers feeding hay as pastures are very short. Cotton harvest progressing with no delays.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Peanut harvesting is progressing well with no interruptions due to rain. The down side is the ground is getting harder which could cause digging issues with peanut harvesting. Cotton harvest has begun in earnest in the Wiregrass Area. A good rainfall would help all crops in our area.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/02/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	94	91	88	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	91	88	84	77
Cotton - Harvested.....	11	6	13	9
Peanuts - Harvested.....	34	12	29	17
Soybeans - DroppingLeaves.....	84	72	83	66
Soybeans - Harvested	34	27	32	16
Winter Wheat - Planted....	0	NA	4	3

Conditions for Week Ending 10/02/16

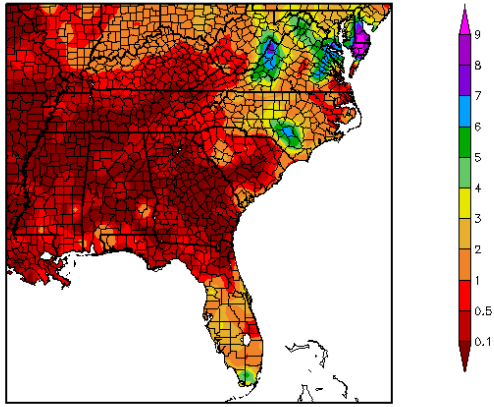
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	8	22	64	3
Cotton.....	1	4	42	43	10
Pasture and range	13	21	30	33	3
Peanuts	0	1	51	40	8
Soybeans	3	14	35	40	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/02/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	29	20	9
Short.....	34	38	22
Adequate	35	40	63
Surplus	2	2	6

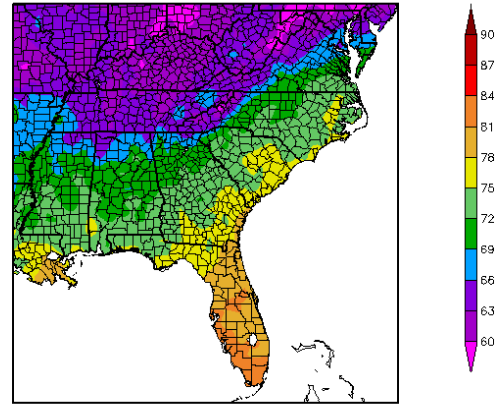
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	23	17	NA
Short.....	37	40	NA
Adequate	38	41	NA
Surplus	2	2	NA

Precipitation (in)
9/26/2016 - 10/2/2016



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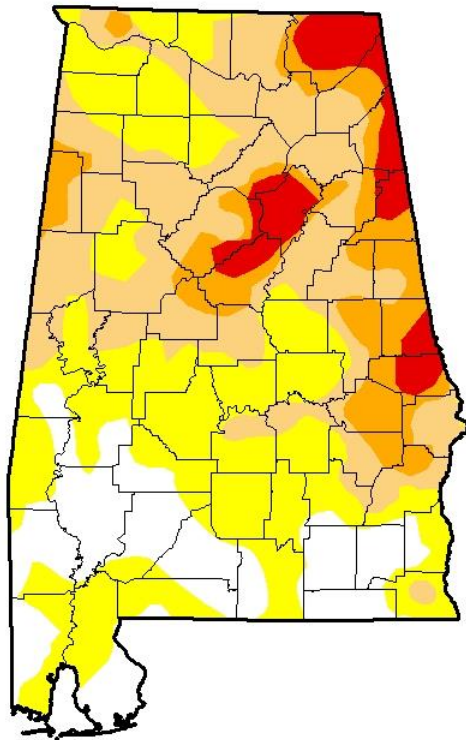
Temperature (F)
9/26/2016 - 10/2/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 27, 2016
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
Last Week 9/20/2016	24.43	75.57	34.93	13.56	1.74	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/28/2016	41.31	58.69	40.69	15.14	0.70	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/22/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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