



**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 Service in Alabama, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2016. There was no precipitation during the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

If we don't get some rain soon, there will be no wheat planted. Yields on double crop soybeans are not very good. Livestock producers are feeding hay, and that's the least of their worries now as ponds and streams are starting to dry up. We need rain badly!!!

Tim Malone, Marion County

Cooler temperatures prevailed as the drought intensified this week. Pastures have completely ceased growth, and there is no moisture to germinate cool season forage plantings. Most, if not all, cattle farmers are feeding hay and/or supplement with many saying they will run short on hay this winter.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

The dry weather is great for crop harvesting; however, Fayette County is in need of rainfall.

Cindy Owens, Fayette County

Dry, dry and dry! We need rain. Not enough ground moisture for digging peanuts, and not enough moisture to spray defoliant on cotton. We need rain!!!!!!

Charles Simon, Covington County

Peanut harvest well underway—approaching 50%. Yield is good in places where we had rainfall and fair where rainfall was sparse. Cotton harvest began. Excellent to good yields so far. Pastures and hayfields drying up. Need rainfall for small grains for grazing to be planted.

James Jones Jr., Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/09/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested	97	94	93	91
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	92	91	89	84
Cotton - Harvested.....	26	11	25	18
Peanuts - Harvested.....	54	34	42	29
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	94	84	89	76
Soybeans - Harvested	43	34	38	22
Winter Wheat - Planted....	2	0	12	10

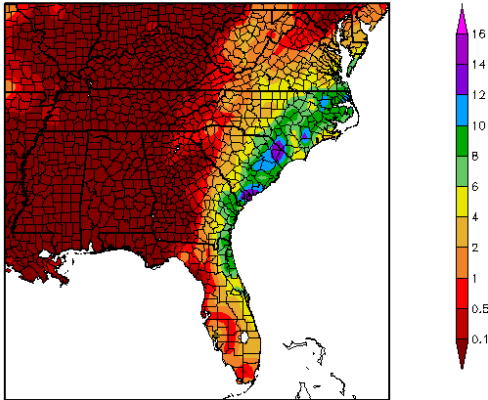
Conditions for Week Ending 10/09/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	6	7	22	62	3
Cotton.....	1	4	42	43	10
Pasture and range	17	26	25	31	1
Peanuts	0	1	42	45	12
Soybeans	3	15	35	39	8

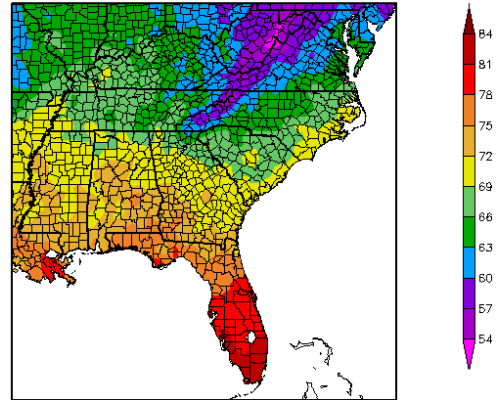
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/09/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	40	29	10
Short.....	36	34	25
Adequate.....	24	35	61
Surplus.....	0	2	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	32	23	NA
Short.....	38	37	NA
Adequate.....	30	38	NA
Surplus.....	0	2	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/4/2016 - 10/10/2016



Temperature (F)
10/4/2016 - 10/10/2016



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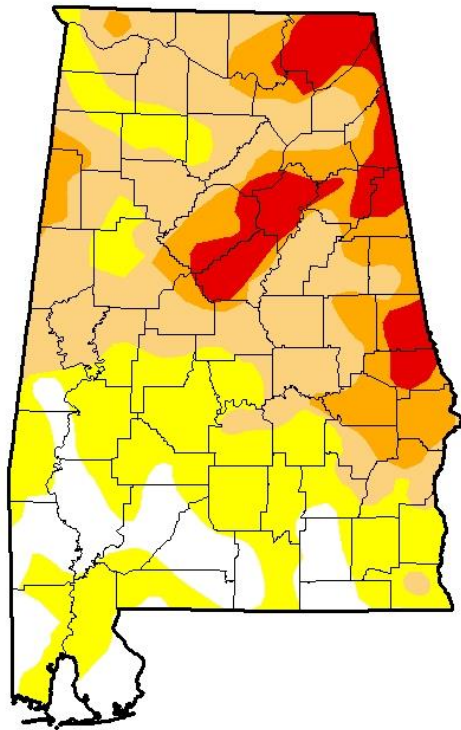
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 4, 2016

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.49	86.51	55.35	23.05	8.97	0.06
Last Week 9/27/2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/5/2016	35.70	64.30	43.03	18.60	3.32	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/27/2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
One Year Ago 10/6/2015	43.26	56.74	7.20	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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