



**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 7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 16, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.12 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to high 50s.

County Comments

Dry, dry, dry. Ponds and streams are drying up. Cattle producers are feeding hay and running out of water. Hoping we get that 80% chance of rain predicted for Friday. Still no wheat planted.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Wheat planting is being delayed due to extreme drought conditions. At this date most producers do not believe the seed would germinate and sprout.

Shane Seay, Limestone County

With no pastures to graze, many livestock producers are selling calves and culling cows to reduce the number of animals to feed this winter. Many farms have inadequate hay supplies for this winter.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Drought conditions persist. Most pasture will likely not recover even with rain. Livestock producers feeding hay. Cotton and soybean harvest progressing rapidly.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Cotton being harvested and that is going well. Peanut harvesting is tough! Ground is hard and losing peanuts but if they wait too long, peanuts will rot or grade badly. We need rain!

Charles Simon, Covington County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	96	92	91	90
Cotton - Harvested.....	51	26	43	27
Peanuts - Harvested.....	71	54	56	46
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	96	94	91	86
Soybeans - Harvested.....	57	43	44	31
Winter Wheat - Planted....	3	2	18	14

Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/16

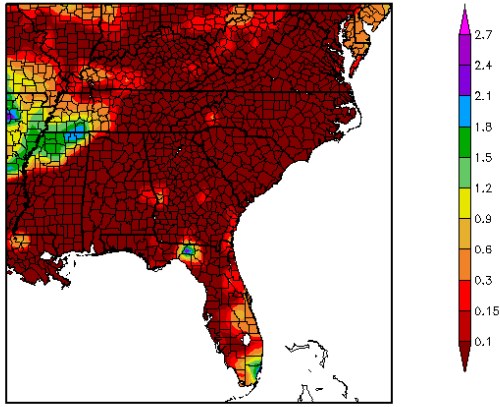
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	7	8	24	60	1
Cotton.....	1	4	42	43	10
Pasture and range.....	22	28	22	28	0
Peanuts.....	0	1	42	45	12
Soybeans.....	4	17	37	36	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	55	40	8
Short.....	25	36	26
Adequate.....	20	24	62
Surplus.....	0	0	4

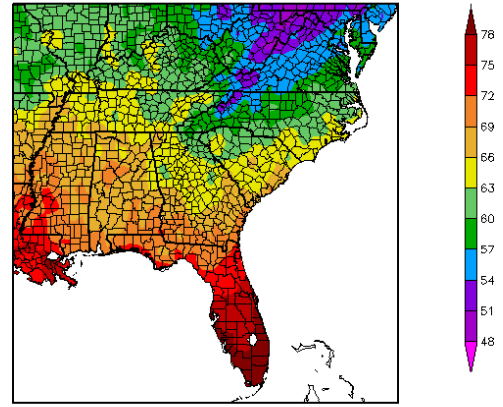
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	50	32	NA
Short.....	30	38	NA
Adequate.....	20	30	NA
Surplus.....	0	0	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/10/2016 - 10/16/2016



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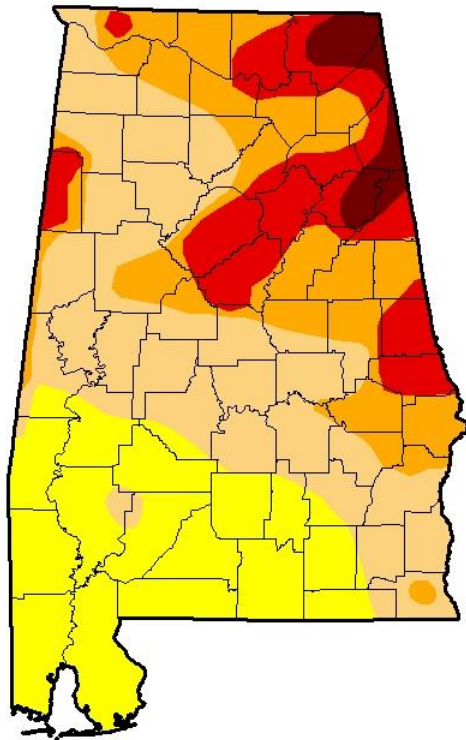
Temperature (F)
10/10/2016 - 10/16/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	71.94	37.31	16.70	3.22
Last Week 10/4/2016	13.49	86.51	55.35	23.05	8.97	0.06
3 Months Ago 7/12/2016	37.05	62.95	42.74	15.48	2.72	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 10/13/2015	37.29	62.71	19.07	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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