



**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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.77 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to high 50s.

**County Comments**

Days suitable for fieldwork is debatable because it is too dry to plant winter wheat and over seed pastures, but good for the harvest of other crops. We received very little rain last week. Pastures are gone and ponds and streams are drying up quickly.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Winds fueled many fires on farmland this week as the drought continues. Many livestock producers are selling animals to reduce their feeding requirement this fall and winter. Others are scrambling to find new sources of water as stock ponds and small streams have gone dry.

**Henry Dorough, St. Clair County**

Excessively dry ponds, rivers, creeks, and lakes. Still no rainfall in the last week. Livestock producers are being affected by lack of water. Hay and grass is extremely short throughout the county.

**Carol Nicholson, Cullman County**

Very dry. Need rain for small grain plantings. Peanut harvest almost complete. Cotton harvest well underway.

**James Jones, Jr., Henry County**

Extremely dry weather conditions continues to hamper peanut harvest. A good rain would help in every phase of farming.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/16**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	99	96	93	94
Cotton - Harvested.....	61	51	54	39
Peanuts - Harvested.....	86	71	66	61
Soybeans - Harvested.....	71	57	56	42
Winter Wheat - Planted....	11	3	24	21

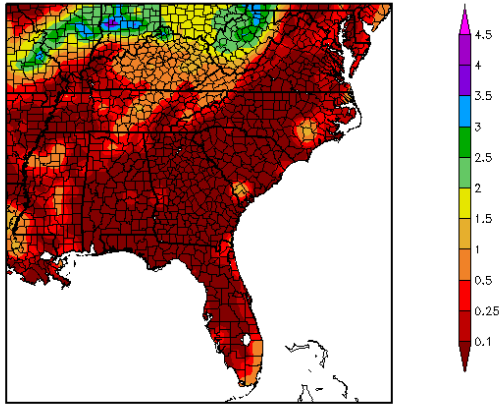
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/23/16**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	8	8	22	59	3
Cotton.....	1	4	42	43	10
Pasture and range.....	28	23	20	28	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	42	45	12

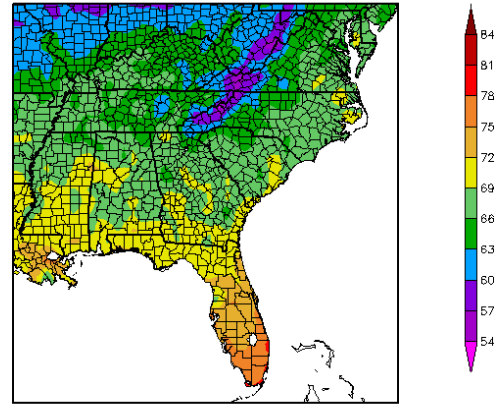
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	58	55	10
Short.....	20	25	33
Adequate.....	22	20	56
Surplus.....	0	0	1
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	52	50	NA
Short.....	21	30	NA
Adequate.....	27	20	NA
Surplus.....	0	0	NA

Precipitation (in)  
10/17/2016 - 10/23/2016



Temperature (F)  
10/17/2016 - 10/23/2016



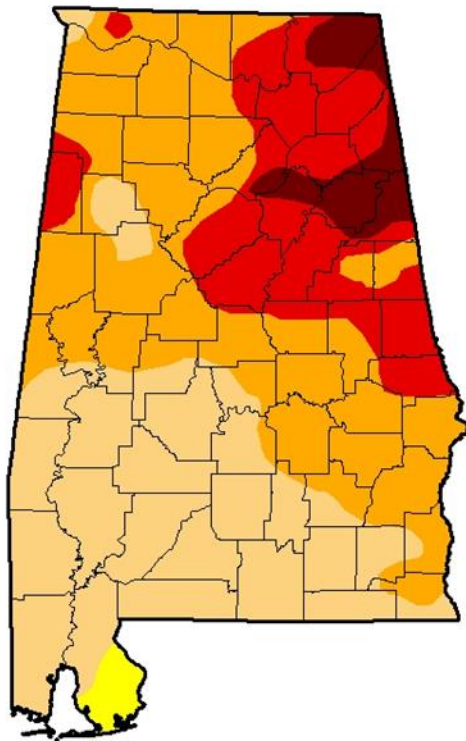
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 18, 2016**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	98.48	61.89	23.93	4.98
<b>Last Week</b> 10/11/2016	0.00	100.00	71.94	37.31	16.70	3.22
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/19/2016	37.02	62.98	41.53	14.59	2.72	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10/20/2015	28.99	71.01	24.41	1.63	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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