



**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 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 30, 2016. Precipitation estimates indicated no rain throughout the entire state. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

All fall planting has stopped until some moisture arrives. The ground is entirely too hard.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Pastures are gone and ponds and streams are drying up. No winter wheat planted. Harvest about completed.

Tim Malone, Marion County

While high numbers of livestock are being culled as the drought persists, some farmers are sourcing hat and feed supplies from outside the region.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Very dry. Unable to harvest peanuts.

Daria Scott, Butler County

Practically no winter grazing has been planted and what has is a failure. Farmers are sitting and waiting to plant small grains and rye grass should enough rainfall come.

Derek Bryan, Crenshaw County

Hot and dry. No weather delays with harvest. No moisture for planting winter grazing or wheat.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/30/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	100	99	95	96
Cotton - Harvested.....	68	61	63	51
Peanuts - Harvested.....	91	86	74	73
Soybeans - Harvested.....	83	71	66	54
Winter Wheat - Planted....	15	11	32	30

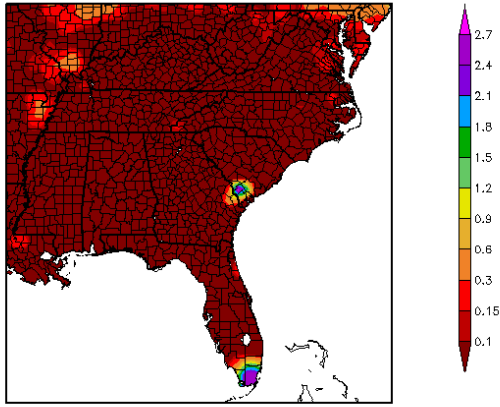
Conditions for Week Ending 10/30/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	9	8	22	58	3
Pasture and range.....	33	19	19	27	2

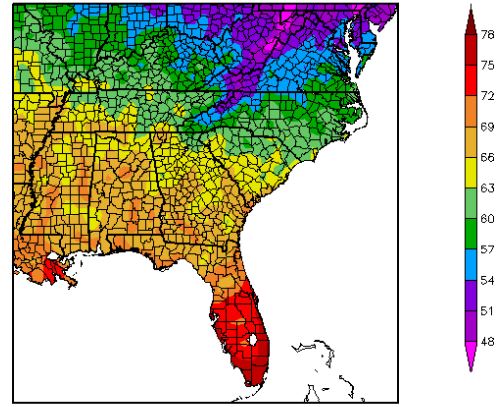
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/30/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	60	58	11
Short.....	16	20	33
Adequate.....	23	22	53
Surplus.....	1	0	3
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	57	52	NA
Short.....	16	21	NA
Adequate.....	26	27	NA
Surplus.....	1	NA	NA

Precipitation (in)
10/24/2016 - 10/30/2016



Temperature (F)
10/24/2016 - 10/30/2016



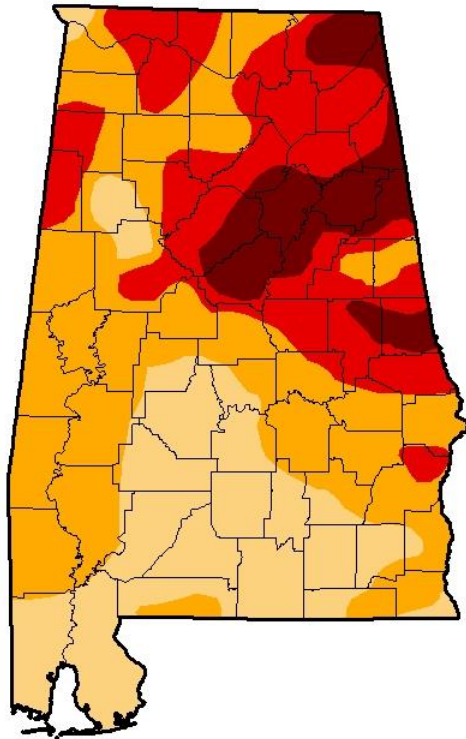
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	73.14	33.03	9.94
Last Week 10/18/2016	0.00	100.00	98.48	61.89	23.93	4.98
3 Months Ago 7/26/2016	38.09	61.91	40.31	11.95	2.78	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 10/27/2015	42.15	57.85	11.14	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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