



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, November 21, 2016. Precipitation estimates indicated no rain throughout the entire state. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 40s.

**County Comments**

Drought conditions continue to impact the county. Cattle producers are now reporting ponds and streams drying up and water hauling activity has begun.

**Shane Seay, Limestone County**

Very dry. No winter grazing. All cattle being supplemented with hay and feed supplement. Some producers hauling water to pastures.

**Derek Bryan, Crenshaw County**

No rain again this week, extending the record for consecutive days without rainfall in the region. Many livestock farmers are scrambling to find alternative water sources as streams and ponds are going dry.

**Henry Dorough, St. Clair County**

Extremely dry conditions have further delayed winter forage crop planting. This year's hay crop is already being used to feed cattle. Weather forecasters are offering little chance of rain to ease the effects of the drought.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

Very very dry. Water for livestock becoming critical.

**Jimmy Smitherman, Montgomery County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/20/16**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	90	81	79	84
Peanuts - Harvested .....	100	99	82	90
Soybeans - Harvested .....	95	91	85	87
Winter Wheat - Planted....	56	41	68	65
Winter Wheat - Emerged .	10	5	45	42

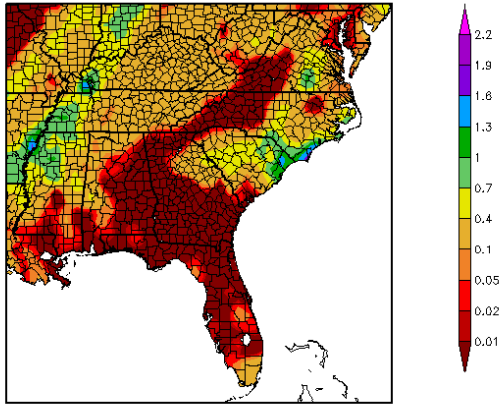
**Conditions for Week Ending 11/20/16**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	11	10	24	55	0
Pasture and range .....	62	26	12	0	0

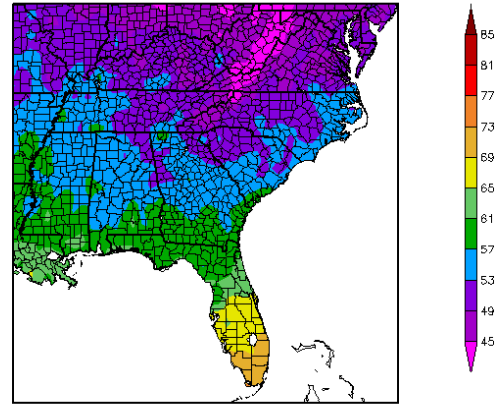
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/20/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	91	80	10
Short.....	9	12	29
Adequate .....	0	8	54
Surplus .....	0	0	7
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	86	73	NA
Short.....	12	17	NA
Adequate .....	2	10	NA
Surplus .....	0	0	NA

Precipitation (in)  
11/14/2016 - 11/20/2016



Temperature (F)  
11/14/2016 - 11/20/2016



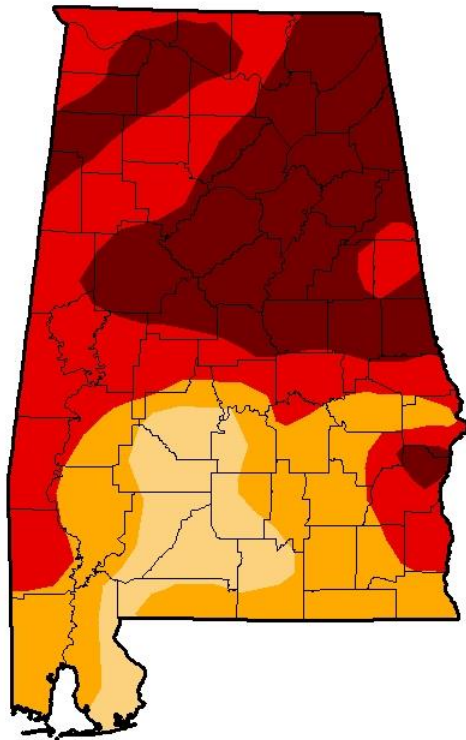
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**November 15, 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	100.00	88.99	65.56	33.78
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11/9/2016</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	80.00	51.91	18.35
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>8/16/2016</i>	44.52	55.48	34.41	14.89	2.24	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/29/2015</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/27/2016</i>	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>11/17/2015</i>	87.51	12.49	0.00	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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