



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 15, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.43 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Peanut harvest started. Late soybeans and pasture were in need of rain.

**Tim Malone, Winston County**

A few spotty showers gave some much needed rain, but it was very limited in area and not much accumulation. Corn harvest was still on-going. Cotton bolls were opening. Soybeans were drying up. Hay harvest continued.

**Gina Harris, Blount County**

Dry conditions continued which allowed for seven days of harvesting corn and soybeans. Some cotton was defoliated last week. Grasses were drying up fast in pastures and hayfields which will require farmers to supplement feed for cattle earlier than normal.

**Belinda Woods, Cullman County**

The lack of rain and high temperatures have been hard on workers in the fields and stressful for livestock. Warm season forages have provided little to no grazing as fall armyworm outbreaks continue. Farmers were being delayed from planting cool season forages due to the dry conditions and threat of armyworms.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Dry weather and extremely hot conditions have curtailed most harvesting activity in the Wiregrass. Observations show only minimum field activity at this time. A good rain is needed.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/15/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested .....	77	52	76	67
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	70	57	65	59
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	0	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	57	38	72	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	15	4	3	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	6	1	0	2
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	43	29	61	52

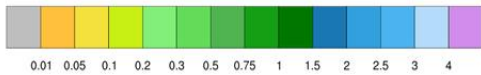
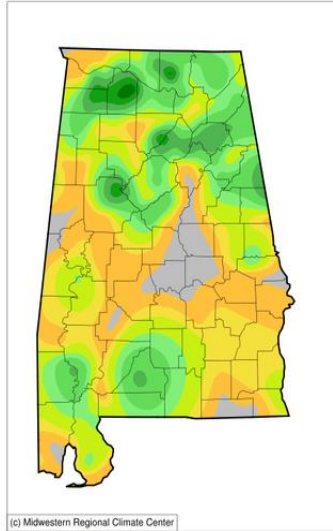
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/15/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	27	65	5
Cotton.....	2	9	31	50	8
Pasture and range.....	1	15	45	37	2
Peanuts.....	5	8	42	44	1
Soybeans.....	0	2	18	61	19

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/15/19**

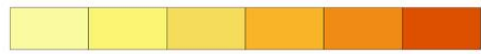
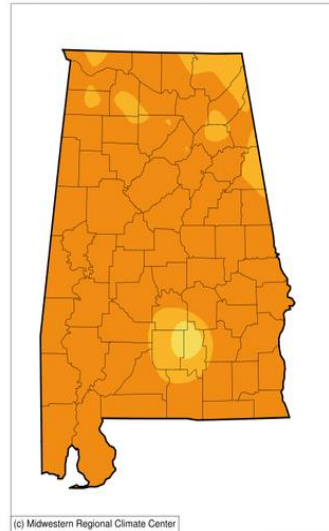
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	14	14
Short.....	59	39
Adequate.....	27	47
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	11	10
Short.....	50	42
Adequate.....	39	48
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 09, 2019 to September 15, 2019



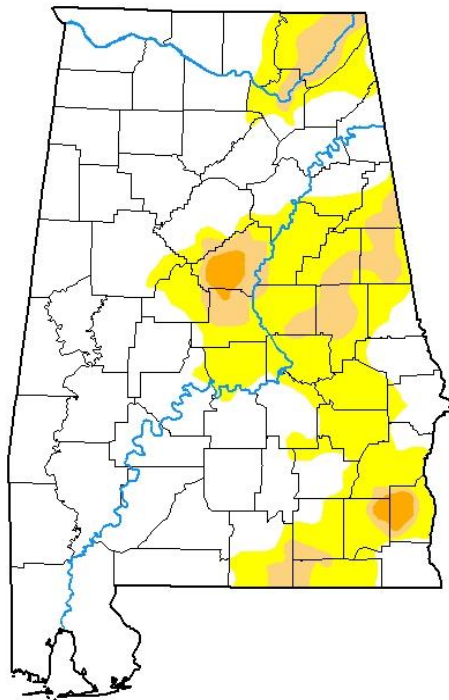
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 09, 2019 to September 15, 2019



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**September 10, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 12, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.52	30.48	8.21	1.09	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-03-2019</i>	72.60	27.40	5.33	1.09	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-11-2019</i>	65.63	34.37	11.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2018</i>	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-11-2018</i>	79.38	20.62	3.94	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- None
- 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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