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Alabama Crop Progress and Condition Report

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 6, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Calhoun County experienced record-setting highs all week. Breezy, hot, and dry. Pastures were crunchy. Farmers provided supplemental feeding. Low ponds meant supplemental water use.
David West, Calhoun County

Another hot and dry week facilitated cotton and soybean harvest but little else. Livestock farmers continued to feed hay and supplement. Some cool season forages were planted in anticipation of a cold front and the possibility of rain.
Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Very dry and hot conditions pushed cotton harvest ahead with no weather delays. However, pasture conditions were poor with most livestock producers supplemental feeding. Seeding of winter grazing was delayed because of no moisture.
Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

No rain was reported for the entire month of September and the first week of October. With record-breaking temperatures in September and October, producers have been in dire need of rain. Pastures were in poor condition.
Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Most areas were sitting at over one month with no rain. The ground has been hard, making inverting peanuts costly and slow. Cotton harvest was wide open. Yields were spotty.
Brandon Dillard, Pike County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	96	93	94	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening	92	88	87	86
Cotton - Harvested	25	12	17	20
Hay - 3rd Cutting	85	82	88	NA
Peanuts - Dug	70	57	43	NA
Peanuts - Harvested	56	30	27	35
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	93	81	89	85
Soybeans - Harvested	40	18	23	31
Winter wheat - Planted	6	6	5	4

Conditions for Week Ending 10/06/19

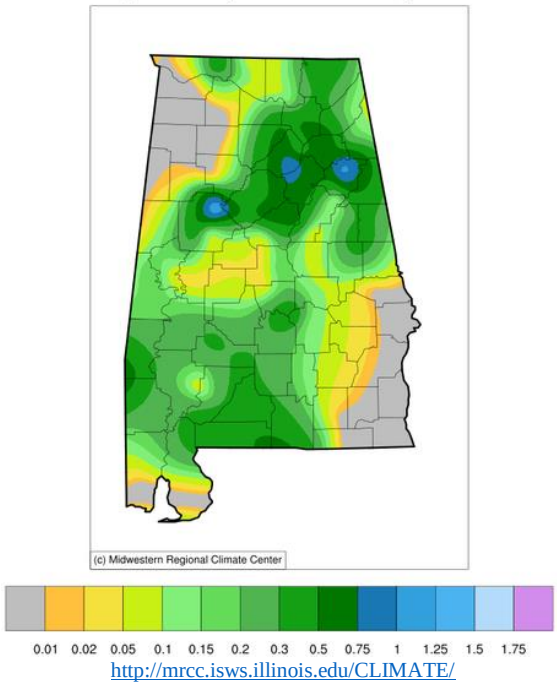
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	2	9	38	49	2
Cotton	2	11	38	42	7
Pasture and range	22	36	34	8	0
Peanuts	3	12	36	43	6
Soybeans	3	9	35	51	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/06/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	55	49
Short	43	44
Adequate	2	7
Surplus	0	0
Subsoil	**This week**	**Previous week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	52	44
Short	39	40
Adequate	9	16
Surplus	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



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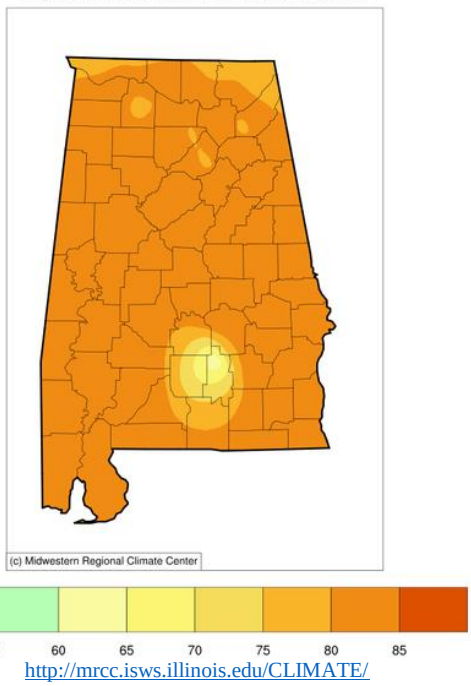
Average Temperature (°F)

September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



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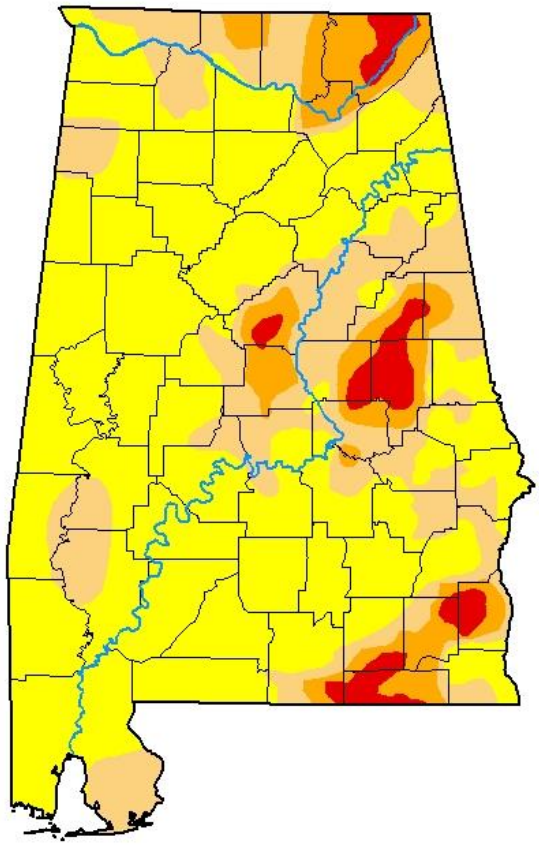
U.S. Drought Monitor

Alabama



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
Last Week *09-24-2019*	17.27	82.73	30.18	4.88	0.20	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-02-2019*	59.66	40.34	7.97	2.12	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-01-2019*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *10-01-2019*	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago *10-02-2018*	87.47	12.53	0.14	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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