



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 13, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.08 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Most producers will not be able to get a third cutting of hay. Producers were continuing to feed hay at an earlier time than usual to supplement grazing. Some producers were preparing to plant crops, such as annual ryegrass, for winter grazing. There were still some producers finishing up their corn harvest. Soybean, cotton, and peanut harvesting were well underway. Crop yields were still varying from poor to good.

**Gina Harris, Blount County**

Cotton and soybean harvest continued as preparations for wheat planting began. The hint of rain in the forecast enticed farmers to begin planting winter forages in earnest.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Monroe County continued to be extremely dry. Peanut producers were almost finished harvesting and have struggled during harvest due to the ground being too hard for digging. Blades were replaced every 12 acres which cost the producers even more to harvest. The peanuts themselves were of very good quality. The cotton crop could not be determined yet. The dry weather has affected at least 20 percent of our cotton, which are the areas that did not receive rain while the other part of the county did receive rain. So far, harvest season for cotton continues to be in the producer's favor.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/13/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	95	92	90	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	36	25	27	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	87	85	94	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	84	70	61	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	70	56	43	50
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	96	93	93	91
Soybeans - Harvested.....	59	40	43	43
Winter wheat - Planted.....	10	6	14	10

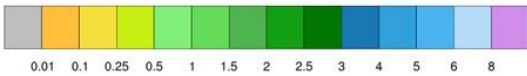
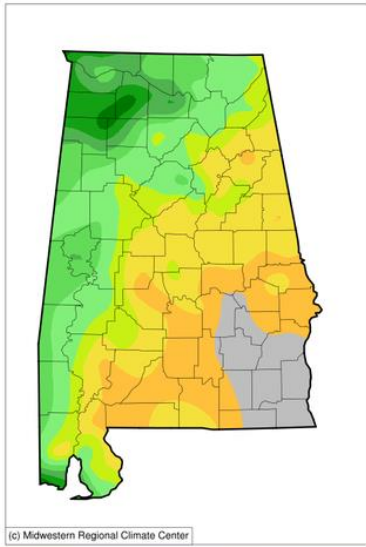
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/13/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	49	43	1
Cotton.....	1	10	37	42	10
Pasture and range.....	24	35	31	10	0
Soybeans.....	4	9	43	40	4

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/13/19**

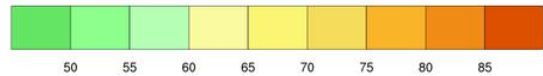
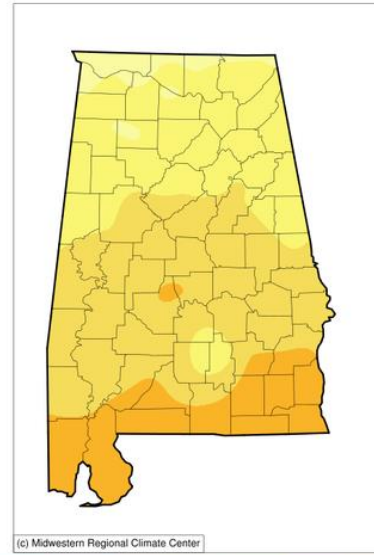
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	59	55
Short.....	29	43
Adequate.....	12	2
Surplus.....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	61	52
Short.....	27	39
Adequate.....	12	9
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 07, 2019 to October 13, 2019



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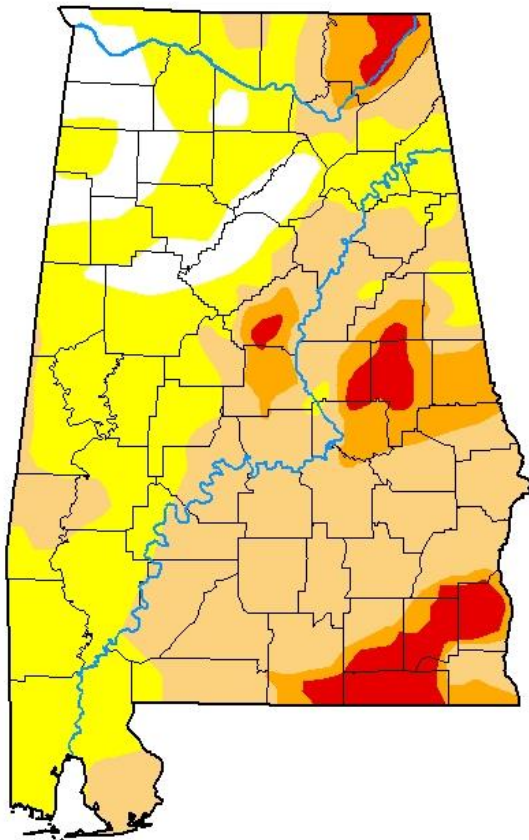
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 07, 2019 to October 13, 2019



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 8, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	8.50	91.50	54.08	14.45	5.39	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-09-2019	54.56	45.44	10.37	2.88	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-09-2018	82.30	17.70	0.67	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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