



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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.17 inches of rain up to 7.58 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Widespread rain early and late in the week brought much needed drought relief, giving a boost to cool-season pastures. Cotton and soybean harvesting slowed considerably due to rain. Farmers continued to provide hay and other supplemental feed for livestock.
Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Cotton around the area still had not been picked and baled. Soil moisture has greatly improved. You can push a probe into the topsoil layer easier.

Charles Simon, Covington County

We had some very beneficial rains and the soil moisture was improving; however, we still needed moisture for winter grazing that is being planted and to hopefully rebuild overall subsoil moisture.

Derek Bryan, Crenshaw County

Peanut harvesting was making its final push to the end and cotton harvesting was approaching the halfway point. Recent rainfall has been good for cattlemen putting in winter grazing.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	98	97	95	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	61	48	49	56
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	95	91	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	93	90	86	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	88	81	72	75
Soybeans - Harvested.....	74	66	60	67
Winter wheat - Planted.....	27	19	19	23
Winter wheat - Emerged..	1	NA	2	NA

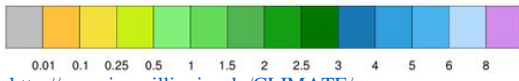
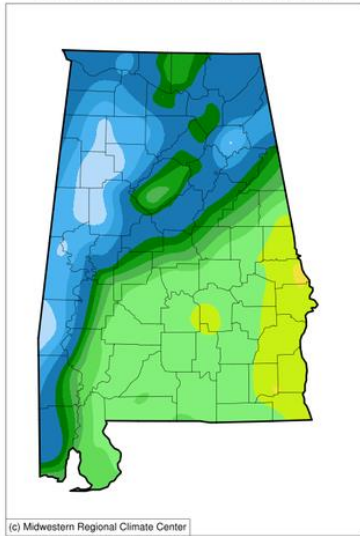
Conditions for Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	48	44	2
Cotton.....	4	10	38	38	10
Pasture and range.....	22	27	35	16	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/27/19

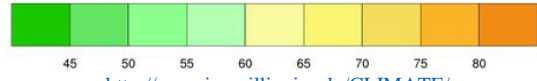
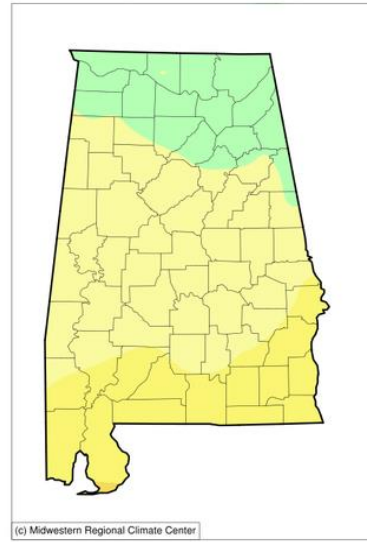
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	16	23
Short.....	23	38
Adequate.....	47	39
Surplus.....	14	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	18	22
Short.....	33	53
Adequate.....	49	25
Surplus.....	0	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 21, 2019 to October 27, 2019



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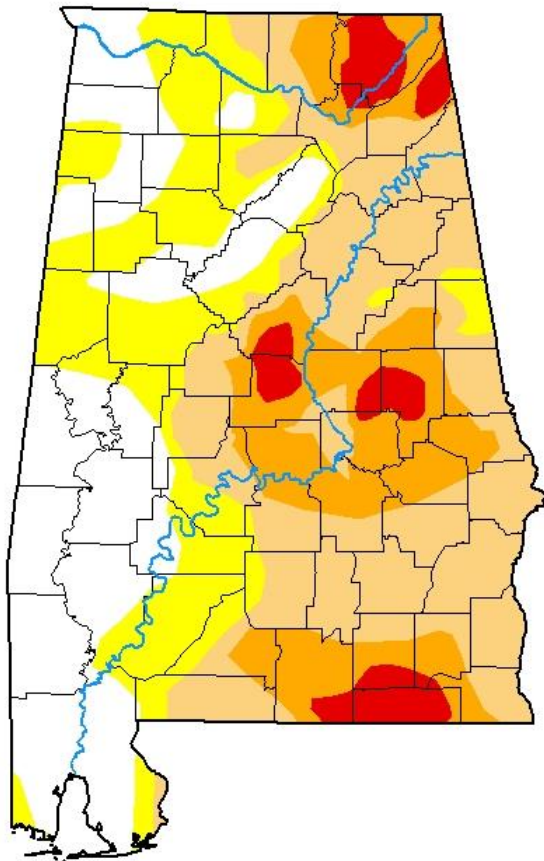
Average Temperature (°F)
October 21, 2019 to October 27, 2019



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 22, 2019
(Released Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.68	74.32	52.27	20.96	5.27	0.00
Last Week 10-15-2019	9.44	90.56	57.51	34.96	7.79	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-23-2019	68.21	31.79	11.01	4.27	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 10-23-2018	78.48	21.52	0.22	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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