



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Alabama Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

Southern Region, Alabama Field Office · 4121 Carmichael Road · Montgomery, AL 36106 · (334) 279-3555 · (855) 271-9801 FAX  
[www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

September 20, 2021

Media Contact: Anthony Prillaman

**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 19, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.52 inches of rain to 8.11 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

A wet and humid week due to tropical storm Nicholas limited days suitable for fieldwork compared to previous weeks and slowed harvest for many crops. Crops continued to remain in good conditions compared to previous years. Corn harvest continued when rain permitted but is tracking behind previous years. Cotton bolls continued to open but are falling behind due to wet and cloudy weather. Soybean leaves continued to drop. Peanut harvest activities were also delayed due to rains.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/19/21**

| Crop stage                         | Prev year<br>(percent) | Prev week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn – Harvested.....              | 70                     | 42                     | 61                     | 80                      |
| Cotton – Bolls Opening.....        | 64                     | 27                     | 41                     | 70                      |
| Cotton – Harvested.....            | 0                      | 0                      | 1                      | 2                       |
| Hay – 3rd Cutting.....             | 71                     | 49                     | 58                     | NA                      |
| Soybeans – Dropping<br>Leaves..... | 48                     | 31                     | 37                     | 56                      |
| Soybeans – Harvested.....          | 1                      | NA                     | 1                      | 7                       |
| Peanuts – Dug.....                 | 11                     | 4                      | 15                     | 14                      |
| Peanuts – Harvested.....           | 5                      | 1                      | 4                      | 5                       |

NA – Not Available

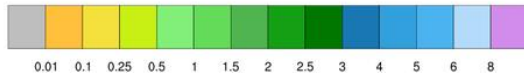
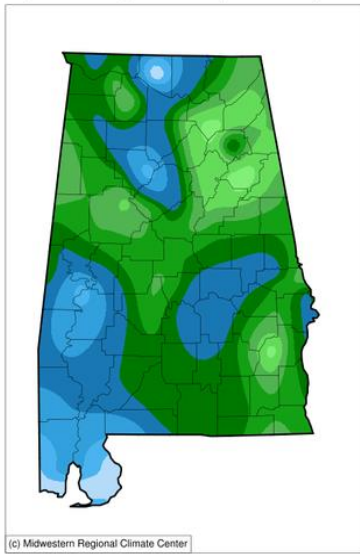
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/19/21**

| Crop                   | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle.....            | 2                      | 2                 | 8                 | 77                | 11                     |
| Corn.....              | 0                      | 0                 | 4                 | 39                | 57                     |
| Cotton.....            | 0                      | 3                 | 16                | 67                | 14                     |
| Pasture and range .... | 1                      | 2                 | 8                 | 79                | 10                     |
| Peanuts.....           | 0                      | 0                 | 12                | 63                | 25                     |
| Soybeans.....          | 0                      | 1                 | 4                 | 69                | 26                     |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/19/21**

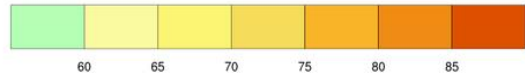
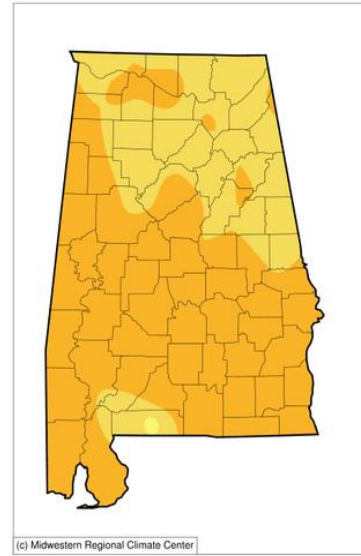
| Topsoil         | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short..... | 0                          | 0                      |
| Short.....      | 6                          | 1                      |
| Adequate.....   | 80                         | 72                     |
| Surplus.....    | 14                         | 27                     |
| Subsoil         | Previous week<br>(percent) | This week<br>(percent) |
| Very short..... | 0                          | 0                      |
| Short.....      | 3                          | 0                      |
| Adequate.....   | 88                         | 82                     |
| Surplus.....    | 9                          | 18                     |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 13, 2021 to September 19, 2021



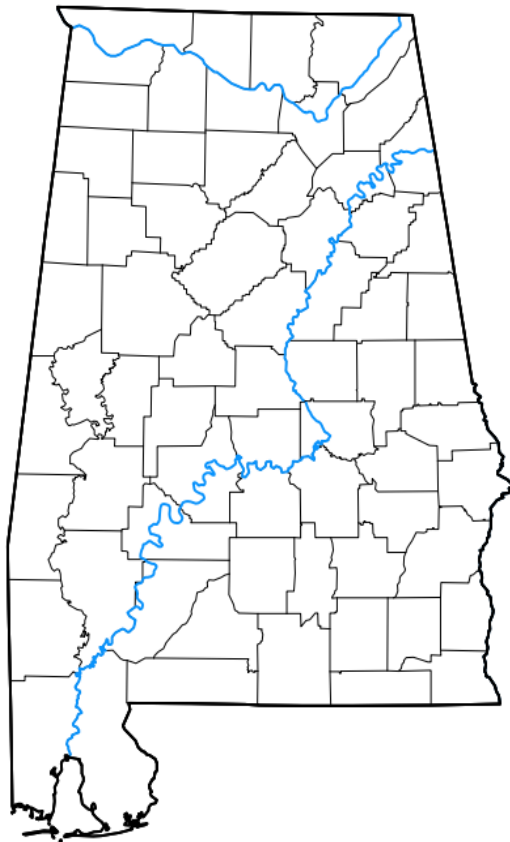
<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 13, 2021 to September 19, 2021



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**September 14, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 16, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-07-2021</i>              | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-15-2021</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2020</i> | 92.46  | 7.54  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2020</i>    | 98.07  | 1.93  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-15-2020</i>           | 88.67  | 11.33 | 0.00  | 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

**Author:**

Brad Rippey  
U.S. Department of Agriculture



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)