



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



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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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 26, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.90 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 60s.

Crops

Overall crop conditions continued to be favorable compared to previous years. Northern Alabama had a wetter week seeing around 1.5 – 2 inches while southern Alabama was drier and saw less than 0.5 inches. Considerable improvement was made harvesting corn throughout the week, helping to make up for prior delays due to corn moisture and wet fields. Corn yields were reported to be very good as harvest continued. Cotton defoliation has begun, and harvest is anticipated to ramp up starting next week. Soybean leaves continued to drop, although only limited progress has been made harvesting. Peanut digging picked up near the end of the week as fields dried out. The third cutting of hay continued when weather permitted. Some farmers doubt they will complete a third cutting of hay due to wet weather and ongoing armyworm infestations.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Most fields were planted in the last few weeks for fall and winter cattle grazing, although armyworm activity has forced some delays.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn – Harvested.....	75	61	73	87
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	74	41	51	78
Cotton – Harvested.....	0	1	3	4
Hay – 3rd Cutting.....	81	58	70	NA
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	58	37	59	68
Soybeans – Harvested.....	3	1	4	15
Peanuts – Dug.....	18	15	20	27
Peanuts – Harvested.....	11	4	12	15

NA – Not Available

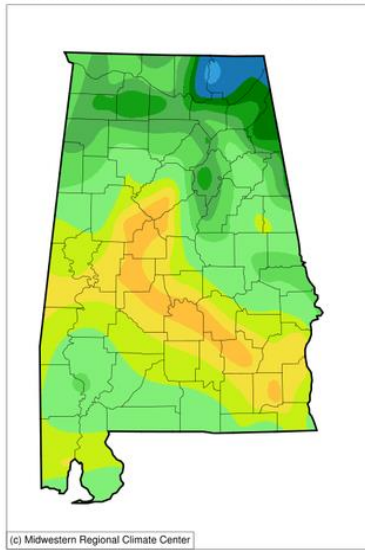
Conditions for Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	9	77	12
Cotton.....	0	5	21	67	7
Pasture and range.....	0	2	9	77	12
Peanuts.....	0	1	13	63	23
Soybeans.....	0	1	11	68	20

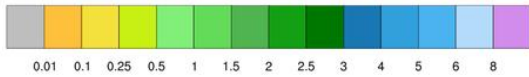
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/26/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short.....	1	5
Adequate.....	72	76
Surplus.....	27	17
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	0	4
Adequate.....	82	88
Surplus.....	18	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021

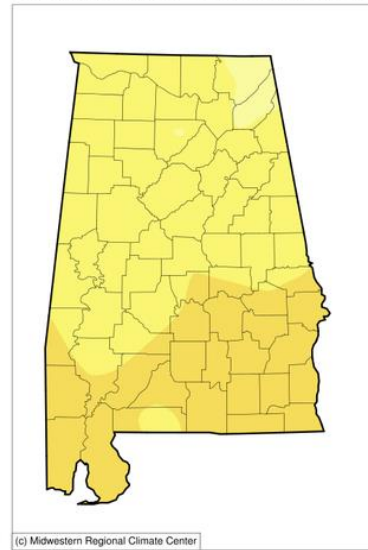


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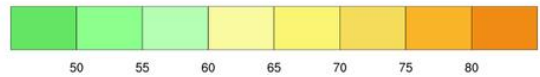


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Average Temperature (°F)
September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021



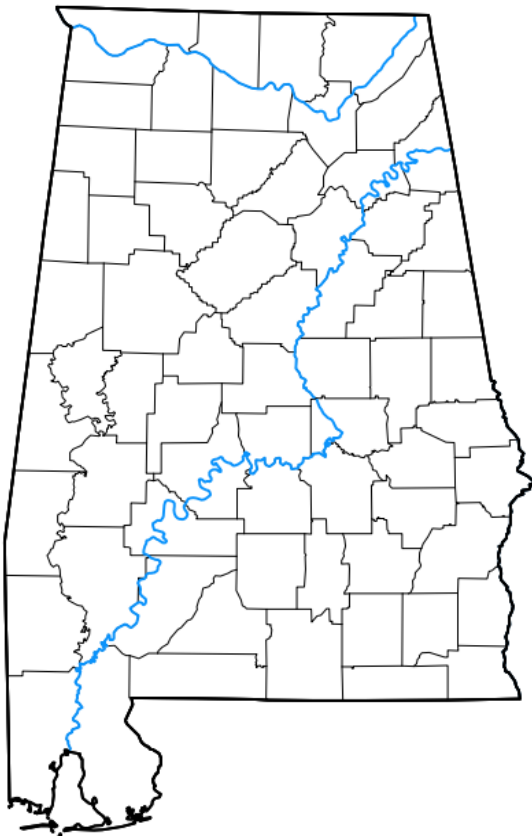
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

September 21, 2021
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-14-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-22-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-22-2020</i>	94.19	5.81	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>

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