



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 3, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 2.20 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Crop conditions continued to be good as dry and cooler fall weather allowed producers ample time for fieldwork and made for ideal harvest conditions. Significant progress was made harvesting corn throughout the week, as drier conditions helped producers make up for prior delays. A majority of cotton bolls have now opened, and defoliation was underway. Soybeans continued dropping leaves and some harvesting had begun, however progress is tracking behind previous years. Peanut digging and harvest activities were limited as untimely rains hampered progress.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/03/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn – Harvested.....	85	73	81	92
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	78	51	64	84
Cotton – Harvested.....	2	3	5	11
Hay – 3rd Cutting.....	86	70	78	NA
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	70	59	73	81
Soybeans – Harvested.....	6	4	11	24
Peanuts – Dug.....	31	20	35	43
Peanuts – Harvested.....	16	12	20	30
Winter Wheat – Progress...	4	NA	2	3

NA – Not Available

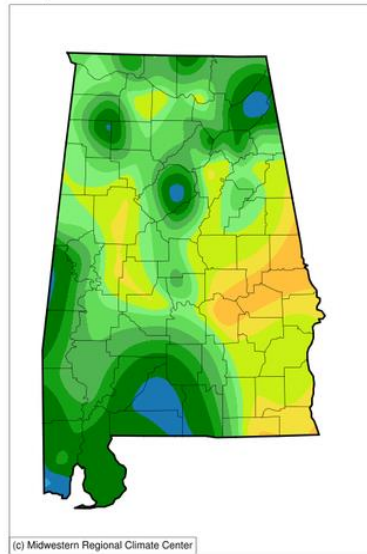
Conditions for Week Ending 10/03/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	11	76	10
Cotton.....	0	5	17	68	10
Pasture and range	1	3	10	77	9
Peanuts.....	0	2	18	55	25
Soybeans.....	0	1	6	76	17

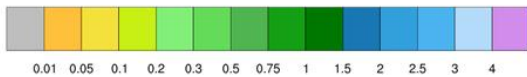
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/03/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	5
Short.....	5	8
Adequate.....	76	76
Surplus.....	17	11
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	6
Short.....	4	4
Adequate.....	88	84
Surplus.....	8	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 27, 2021 to October 03, 2021

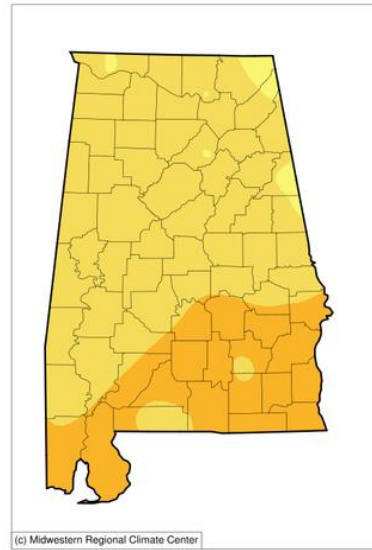


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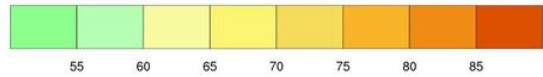


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Average Temperature (°F)
September 27, 2021 to October 03, 2021

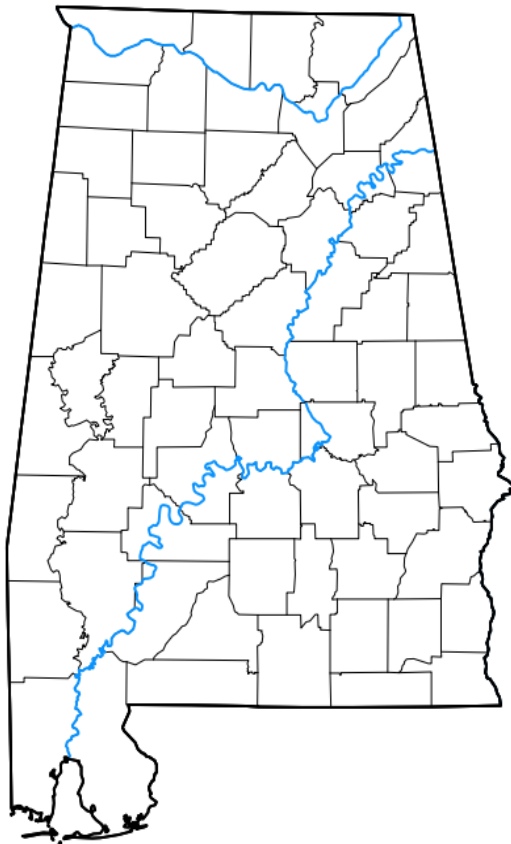


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



September 28, 2021
(Released Thursday, Sep. 30, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

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 09-21-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-29-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	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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