



**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 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 10, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.22 inches of rain to 8.67 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Heavy rainfall early in the week limited field work and brought localized flooding to some areas. Crops remained in relatively good condition and harvest activities continued as weather permitted. Corn harvest was nearing completion after a slow start and yields were reported to be very good. Cotton bolls continued to open, and most farmers were noted to have begun defoliation. The third cutting of hay was once again delayed due to rains and wet conditions most of the week. Soybeans continued dropping leaves and harvesting activities picked up. Soybean fields were sprayed with fungicides; however, some fields are showing soybean rust. Peanut digging picked up later in the week after being delayed due to rain earlier in the week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Some livestock producers supplemented hay as warm season forage availability declined. The continued presence of fall armyworms delayed farmers from planting cool season annual grazing.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/10/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn – Harvested.....	91	81	89	96
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	85	64	73	89
Cotton – Harvested.....	11	5	10	24
Hay – 3rd Cutting.....	90	78	82	NA
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	84	73	85	90
Soybeans – Harvested.....	14	11	16	36
Peanuts – Dug.....	48	35	50	61
Peanuts – Harvested.....	31	20	29	47
Winter Wheat – Progress...	7	2	4	7

NA – Not Available

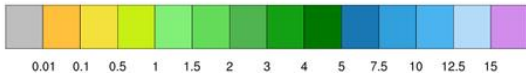
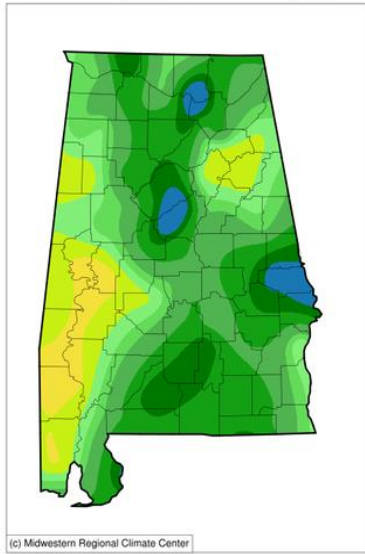
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/10/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	12	76	9
Cotton.....	0	4	20	69	7
Pasture and range ....	1	3	12	76	8
Peanuts.....	0	4	20	56	20
Soybeans.....	0	2	11	67	20

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/10/21**

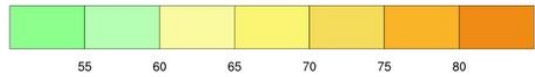
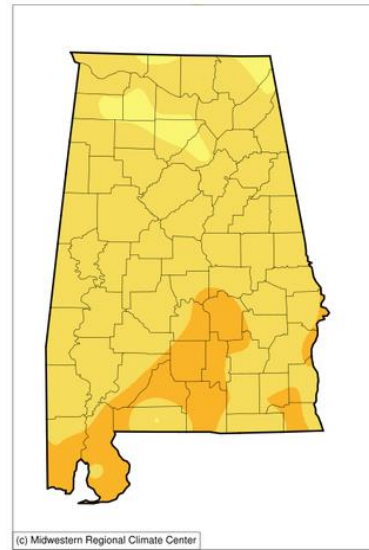
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	5	1
Short.....	8	2
Adequate.....	76	77
Surplus.....	11	20
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	6	1
Short.....	4	2
Adequate.....	84	82
Surplus.....	6	15

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 04, 2021 to October 10, 2021



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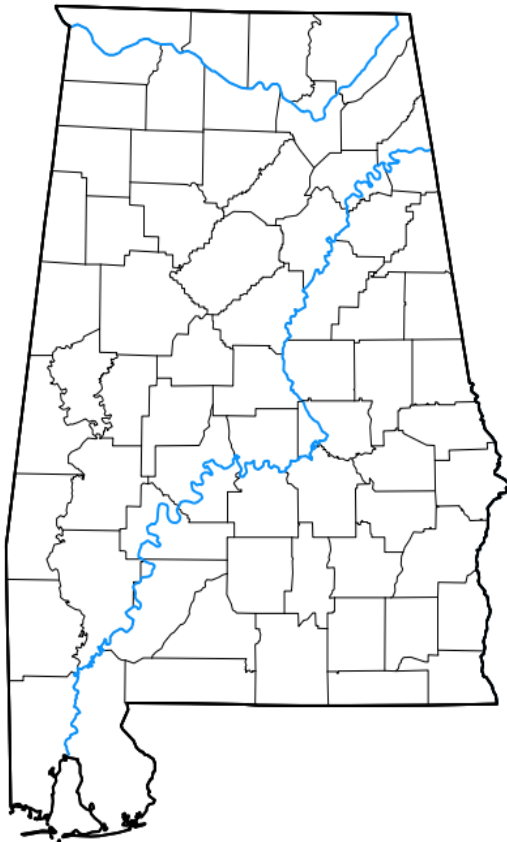
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 04, 2021 to October 10, 2021



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**October 5, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 7, 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> <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-06-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-06-2020</i>	94.61	5.39	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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