



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 17, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 60s.

Crops

A drier and sunny week following a week of heavy rains allowed harvesting activities to pick up. Temperatures continued to cool down and made for an ideal week to get fieldwork completed. Corn harvesting was essentially finished up as yields this year were noted to have been above average. Cotton bolls continued to open and be defoliated. Wet conditions have caused some concerns of seed sprout and quality issues in cotton. The remaining third cuttings of hay were cut and baled when possible. Soybeans continued dropping leaves and harvesting activities picked up. Soybeans were noted to have been rotting in the field in some areas. Peanuts were dug and harvested later in the week once fields dried out.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/17/21

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn – Harvested.....	95	89	95	97
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	91	73	84	92
Cotton – Harvested.....	19	10	17	37
Hay – 3rd Cutting.....	94	82	90	NA
Peanuts – Dug.....	65	50	63	75
Peanuts – Harvested.....	41	29	39	61
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	91	85	92	94
Soybeans – Harvested.....	26	16	28	49
Winter Wheat – Progress...	10	4	7	12

NA – Not Available

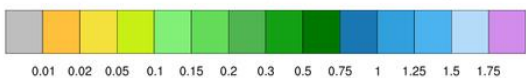
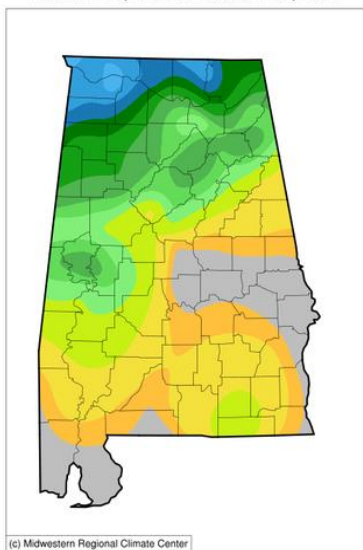
Conditions for Week Ending 10/17/21

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	16	75	5
Cotton.....	0	4	15	77	4
Pasture and range	2	3	18	68	9
Peanuts.....	0	6	16	63	15
Soybeans.....	0	3	7	66	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/17/21

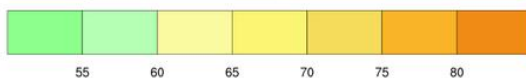
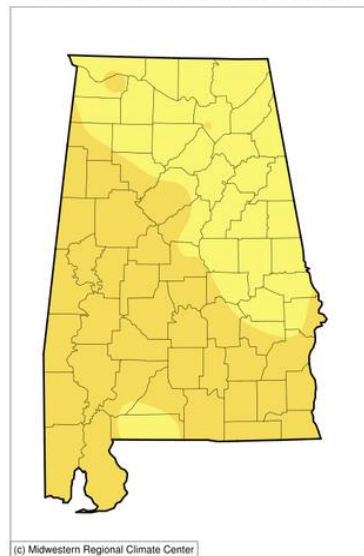
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	2	5
Adequate.....	77	84
Surplus.....	20	10
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	2	4
Adequate.....	82	85
Surplus.....	15	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 11, 2021 to October 17, 2021



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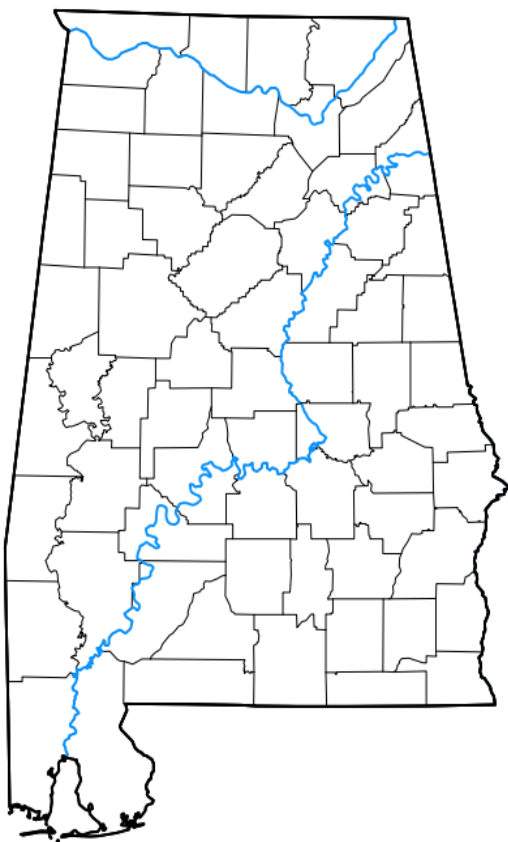
Average Temperature (°F)
October 11, 2021 to October 17, 2021



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 12, 2021
(Released Thursday, Oct. 14, 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 <i>10-05-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-13-2021</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>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-13-2020</i>	96.80	3.20	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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