



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 24, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Weather conditions across the state last week continued to be ideal for fieldwork. Temperatures cooled down and minimal rainfall in most areas allowed for plenty of days suitable for fall harvesting activities. Cotton fields continued to be defoliated and picking began to ramp up. Some producers continued to note quality issues in cotton bolls due to wet conditions from early October. Third cuttings of hay began to wrap up. Peanuts were dug and harvested but are still tracking behind previous years. Soybean harvest was in full swing as most soybean leaves have dropped. Some areas noted that soybeans were denied at the elevator due to rot.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Cooler temperatures at night have begun to slow grass growth. Some rains are needed soon to assist germination in small grains recently planted to pasture forage.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton – Bolls Opening.....	95	84	89	95
Cotton – Harvested.....	32	17	22	48
Hay – 3rd Cutting.....	97	90	94	NA
Peanuts – Dug.....	77	63	70	85
Peanuts – Harvested.....	59	39	47	73
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves.....	95	92	94	97
Soybeans – Harvested.....	43	28	39	62
Winter Wheat – Planted.....	16	7	12	18

NA – Not Available

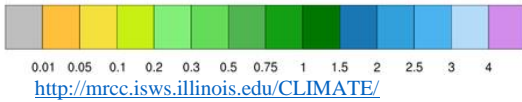
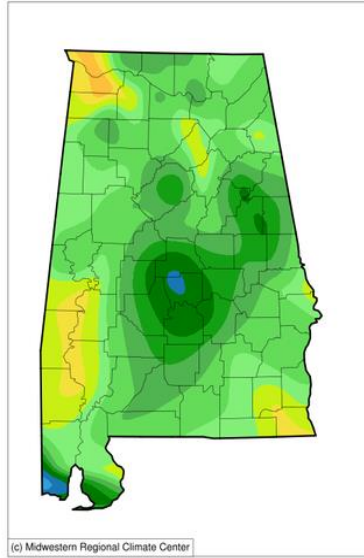
Conditions for Week Ending 10/24/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	2	13	78	5
Cotton.....	0	4	18	69	9
Pasture and range.....	1	3	15	73	8
Peanuts.....	0	4	19	67	10
Soybeans.....	1	3	13	60	23

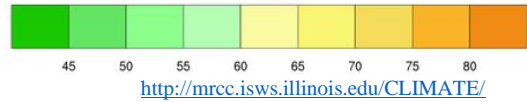
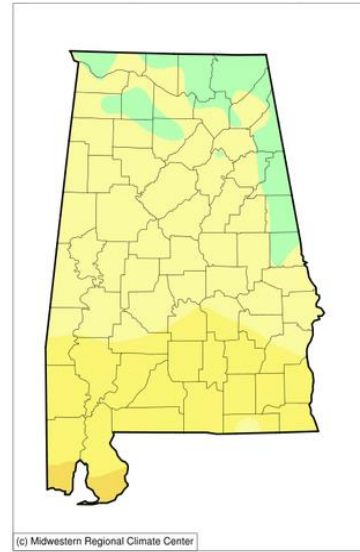
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/24/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short.....	5	5
Adequate.....	84	87
Surplus.....	10	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	5
Short.....	4	2
Adequate.....	85	89
Surplus.....	10	4

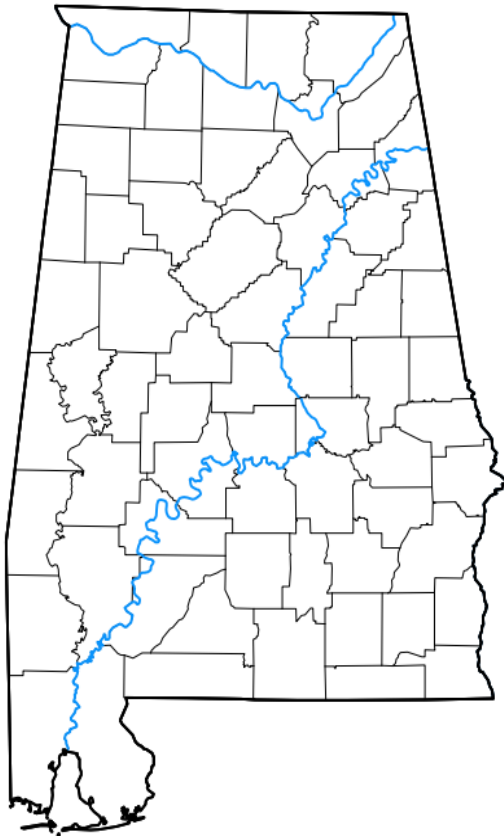
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021



Average Temperature (°F)
October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



October 19, 2021
(Released Thursday, Oct. 21, 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 10-12-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-20-2021	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 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-20-2020	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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