



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 31, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches of rain to 3.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Dry and cool conditions early in the week allowed producers to get into their fields to continue harvest. Rain at the end of the week slowed or halted most harvesting activities throughout the state which limited fieldwork. Cotton continued to be defoliated and many producers began serious picking. Due to a wet October, many farmers noted issues in cotton quality across the state. Third cutting of hay wrapped up as conditions permitted. With favorable conditions at the beginning of the week, peanut harvest was in full swing across the state. Soybean harvest continued with producers noting rust in fields that did not receive fungicides or received them late.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Rains helped assist germination for recently planted grains.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/31/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	98	89	92	97
Cotton - Harvested.....	39	22	35	57
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	99	94	95	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	86	70	83	90
Peanuts - Harvested.....	74	47	63	81
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	97	94	96	99
Soybeans - Harvested.....	54	39	44	71
Winter wheat - Planted.....	20	12	14	25
Winter wheat - Emerged....	7	NA	1	4

(NA) Not available.

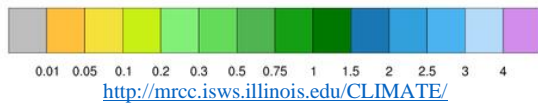
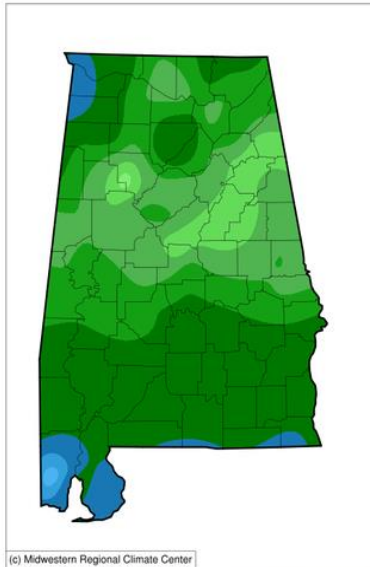
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/31/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	4	3	10	79	4
Cotton.....	0	5	28	52	15
Pasture and range....	1	3	16	71	9
Soybeans.....	1	4	10	60	25

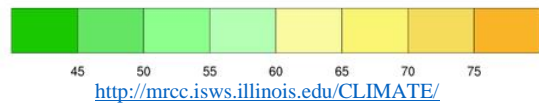
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/31/21**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	8
Short.....	5	6
Adequate.....	87	79
Surplus.....	5	7
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	5	9
Short.....	2	3
Adequate.....	89	81
Surplus.....	4	7

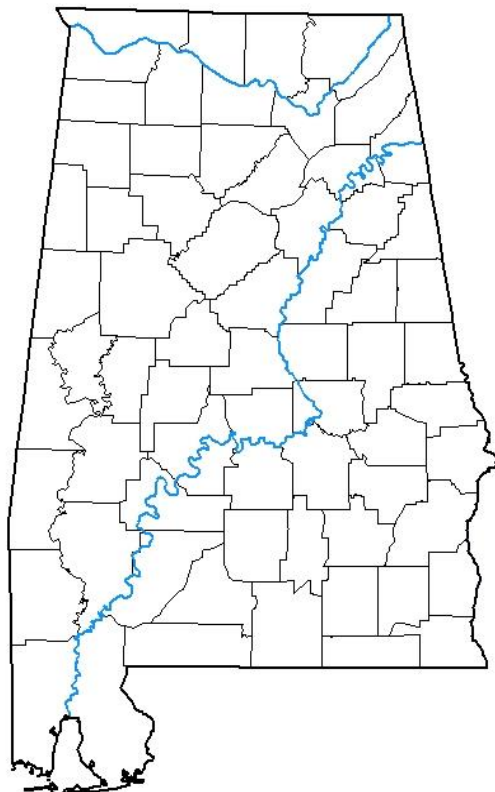
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 25, 2021 to October 31, 2021



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 25, 2021 to October 31, 2021



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**October 26, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 28, 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> 10-19-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-27-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-27-2020	98.24	1.76	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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