



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 13, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to trace amounts of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Most of the state remained dry or experienced light, localized rain throughout the week. Across the state, many producers were concerned about crop yields as almost the entire state was in some kind of drought status. Cotton bolls were nearly all open, and cotton harvest progressed throughout the week. Peanut growers continued digging and harvesting peanuts. The third cutting of hay continued to progress slowly. Due to the dry conditions, some producers may not be able to harvest a third hay cutting. Soybeans were nearly done dropping leaves while harvest continued.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in mostly good to fair condition. Many cattle producers continued to supplement feeding with hay. For many producers, pastures were drier than normal.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/13/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	90	91	95	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	25	20	31	23
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	93	64	75	91
Peanuts - Dug.....	72	64	74	67
Peanuts - Harvested.....	57	30	40	49
Soybeans - Drop Leaves....	92	89	93	91
Soybeans - Harvested.....	41	38	51	36
Winter wheat - Planted.....	7	2	7	7

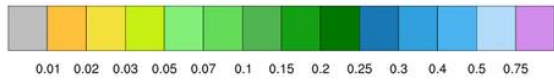
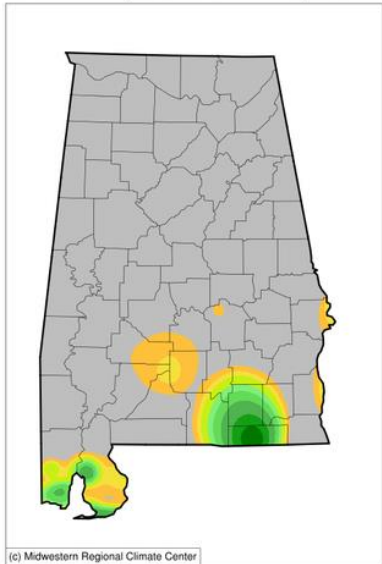
Conditions for Week Ending 10/13/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	28	65	2
Cotton.....	5	14	41	39	1
Pasture and range....	6	16	37	40	1
Peanuts.....	2	8	41	48	1
Soybeans.....	18	22	38	22	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/13/24

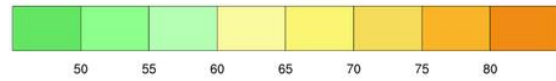
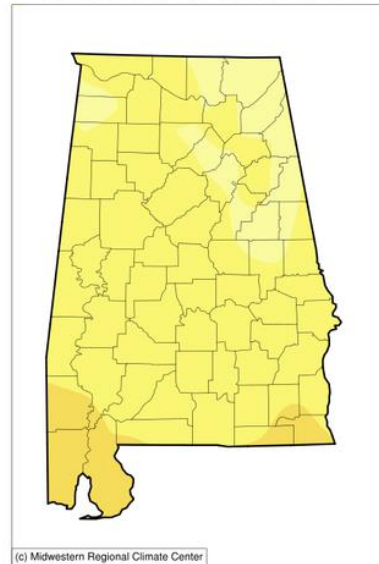
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	5	12
Short.....	29	31
Adequate.....	60	53
Surplus.....	6	4
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	5	13
Short.....	32	32
Adequate.....	57	51
Surplus.....	6	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 07, 2024 to October 13, 2024



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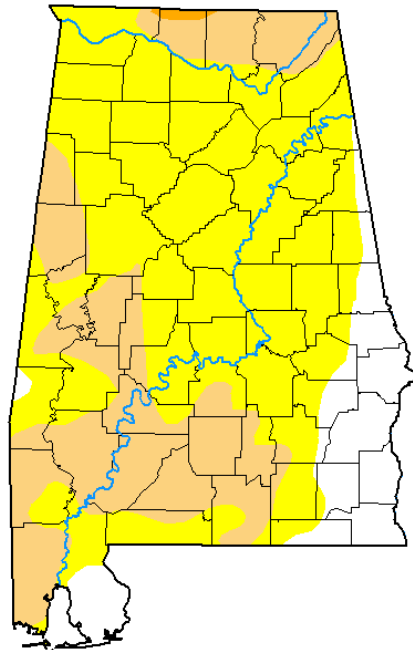
Average Temperature (°F)
October 07, 2024 to October 13, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 8, 2024
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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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