



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 3, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Most of the state remained dry, with some areas in the Northern part of the state receiving some much-needed precipitation. Many producers throughout the state are concerned about the current drought conditions, specifically its impact on hay fields and small grain seeding. Cotton harvest continued to make good progress in many areas and was slowed down in areas that did receive precipitation last week. Hay cutting continued slowly and a third cutting was unlikely in many areas. Peanut and soybean harvests continued and were progressing well. Winter wheat seeding continued; however, many producers were weary of seeding wheat due to the state's current drought conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition, while pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition. Many cattle producers continued to supplement feeding with hay. In areas that received rain, pastures started to green up, but are still very dry with slowed growth for many producers.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/03/24

| Crop stage | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cotton - Bolls Opening..... | 98 | 97 | 99 | 98 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 64 | 58 | 69 | 57 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | NA | 85 | 90 | NA |
| Peanuts - Dug | 92 | 88 | 94 | 91 |
| Peanuts - Harvested | 83 | 63 | 73 | 81 |
| Soybeans - Harvested | 77 | 79 | 87 | 69 |
| Winter wheat - Planted | 42 | 28 | 37 | 31 |
| Winter wheat - Emerged..... | 5 | 2 | 11 | 7 |

(NA) Not available.

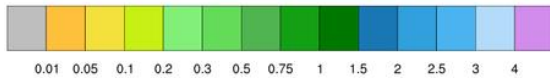
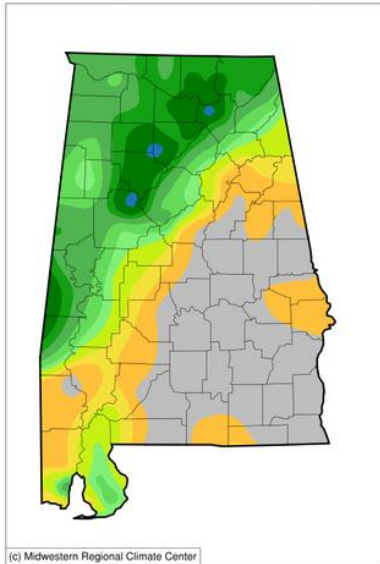
Conditions for Week Ending 11/03/24

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 1 | 9 | 24 | 63 | 3 |
| Pasture and range | 13 | 25 | 37 | 24 | 1 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/03/24

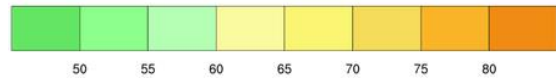
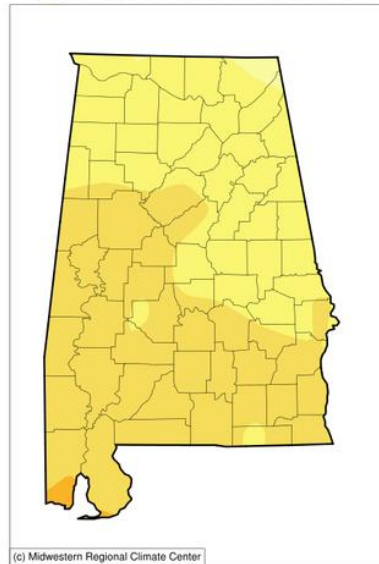
| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short | 21 | 24 |
| Short | 42 | 44 |
| Adequate | 37 | 32 |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 |
| Subsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
| Very short | 21 | 24 |
| Short | 42 | 41 |
| Adequate | 37 | 35 |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 28, 2024 to November 03, 2024



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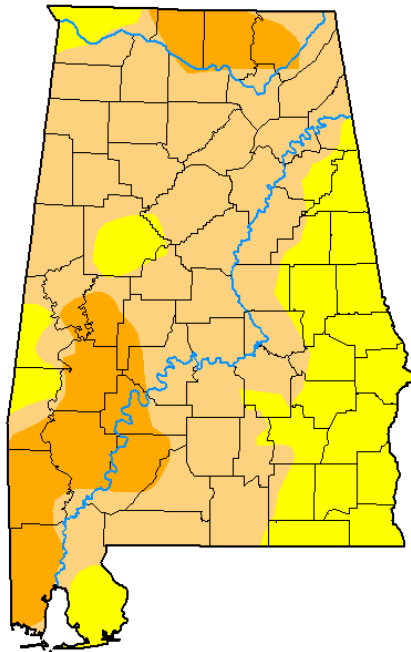
Average Temperature (°F)
October 28, 2024 to November 03, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

October 29, 2024
(Released Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024)
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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