



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 10, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Low precipitation, relative to that of previous weeks, provided good conditions for fieldwork most of last week. However, cooler temperatures mid-week slowed some crop progress and fieldwork. Corn planting was wrapping up with the majority of the crop emerged. Soybean, cotton, and peanut planting was well underway. Some cotton planting was reported as having slowed down due to the cool weather. Some possible cold damage to wheat and corn was reported in the northern part of the state. Hay cutting was making good progress. Strawberry harvesting was wrapping up for the season.

Livestock and Pastures

Cool-season forages were maturing and warm-season forages were progressing well. There was excess weed growth reported in pastures. Cattle were reported in good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/10/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	96	89	93	93
Corn - Emerged	89	72	84	81
Cotton - Planted.....	43	20	41	42
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	44	37	55	47
Peanuts - Planted	33	15	35	31
Soybeans - Planted	10	6	19	23
Soybeans - Emerged	3	NA	6	NA
Winter wheat - Headed ...	94	92	94	94
Winter wheat - Harvested	2	NA	1	1

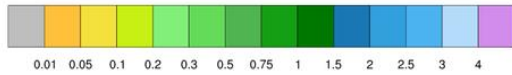
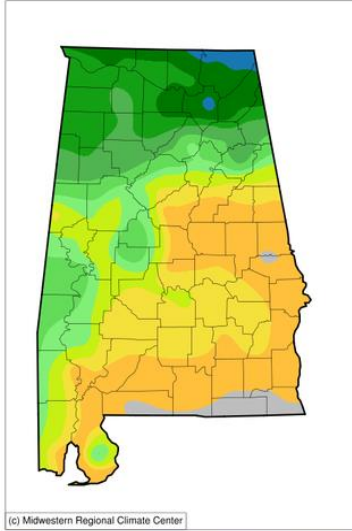
Conditions for Week Ending 05/10/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	22	69	7
Corn	0	0	14	82	4
Pasture and range ..	1	2	25	62	10
Winter wheat.....	2	3	21	59	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/10/20

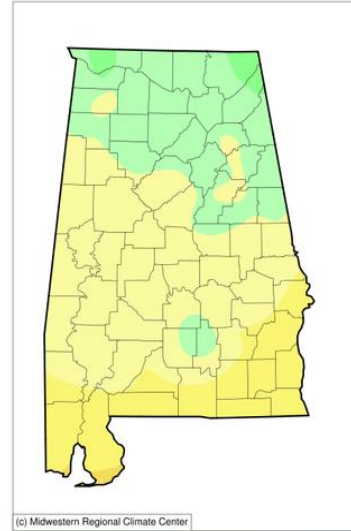
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	2
Short.....	2	14
Adequate	83	72
Surplus	15	12
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	2
Short.....	2	6
Adequate	80	78
Surplus	18	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 5, 2020
(Released Thursday, May 7, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.89	9.11	3.66	0.50	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-28-2020	91.35	8.65	3.59	0.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-04-2020	87.10	12.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago 05-07-2019	81.33	18.67	10.83	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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