



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.

May 10, 2021

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 9, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.3 to 7.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Widespread rainfall brought much needed relief to some areas of the state, while other areas experienced storm damage and flash flooding. Northern portions of the state received moderate rainfall and good progress was made planting row crops throughout the week.

In Central Alabama, storms blew through the area at the beginning of the week bringing some damaging winds and an abundance of rain. There were reports of trees down in a few areas, but the bigger story was the large amount of rainfall impeding vehicle movement through fields. Limited progress was made planting peanuts and cotton and some cotton stands will need to be evaluated for re-planting.

Southern counties were also affected by the rain, causing delays in the planting peanuts and cotton. Saturated soils throughout most of the week made it difficult to work in the fields. By the end of the week, improved weather allowed farmers to resume planting peanuts and harvesting hay.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cooler temperatures have slowed forage growth, while the rainfall throughout the week has hindered hay cutting. Cattle were in mostly good condition, although there were reports of animals lost to lightning during the recent storms.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/09/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	92	90	96	94
Corn - Emerged .....	82	74	89	84
Cotton - Planted.....	38	17	27	41
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	52	31	44	45
Peanuts - Planted .....	32	15	28	30
Soybeans - Planted .....	17	2	18	21
Winter wheat - Headed .....	94	80	92	93

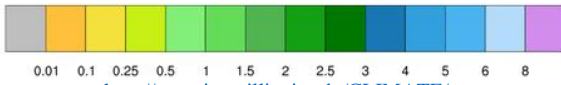
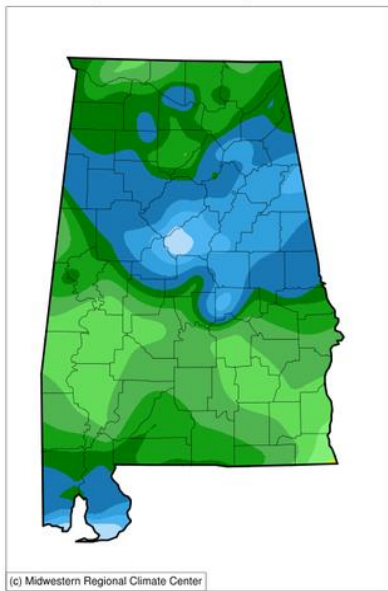
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/09/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	8	80	9
Corn .....	0	0	8	88	4
Pasture and range ....	1	2	19	75	3
Winter wheat.....	0	0	13	78	9

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/09/21**

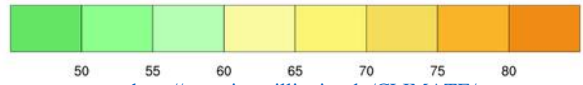
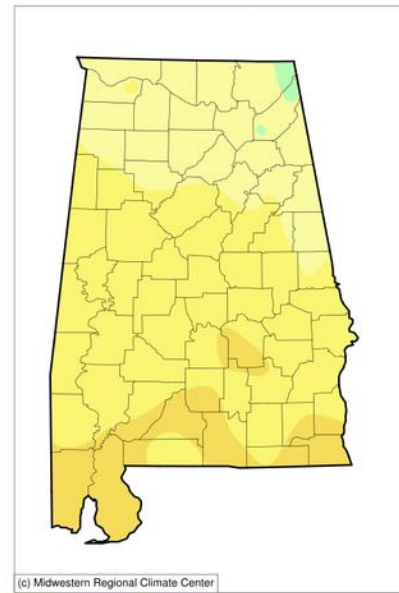
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	2	0
Adequate .....	87	81
Surplus .....	10	18
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	3	2
Adequate .....	86	88
Surplus .....	10	9

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 03, 2021 to May 09, 2021



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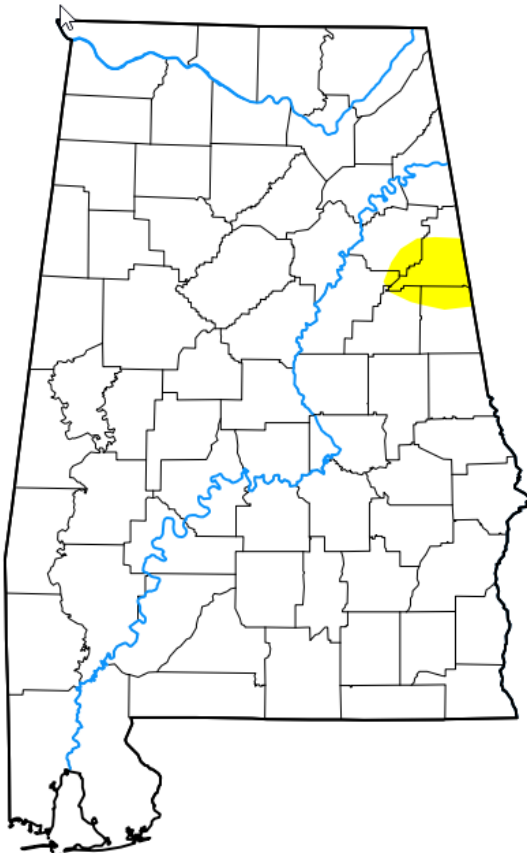
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 03, 2021 to May 09, 2021



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**May 4, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, May 6, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	98.48	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-27-2021</i>	98.04	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-02-2021</i>	65.22	34.78	6.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.45	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-05-2020</i>	90.89	9.11	3.66	0.50	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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