



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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 1, 2021. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 3.12 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Rainfall was scattered and overall conditions were dryer across the state this week compared to previous weeks. This allowed producers to get into the fields and apply herbicides and pesticides. Corn is entering the black layer as it is getting close to harvest. Cotton is blooming and setting bolls as conditions improved with the warmer and dryer weather. Cotton layby herbicide applications are behind on early cotton. Stink bugs were noted to have been a concern for cotton producers in southern Alabama. Hayfields were able to have a second cutting done with a couple days of dry weather. Armyworms were still being noted as a major issue across the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in good condition throughout the state. Higher temperatures during the day and night caused stress on livestock. Armyworms were also an issue in pastures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/01/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	52	37	46	61
Cotton - Squaring.....	94	88	94	92
Cotton - Setting Bolls	71	42	66	72
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	89	70	79	83
Peanuts - Pegging.....	95	77	87	89
Soybeans - Blooming.....	83	75	83	84
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	61	38	56	58

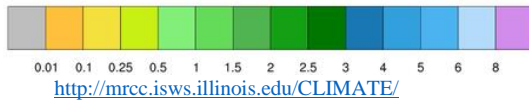
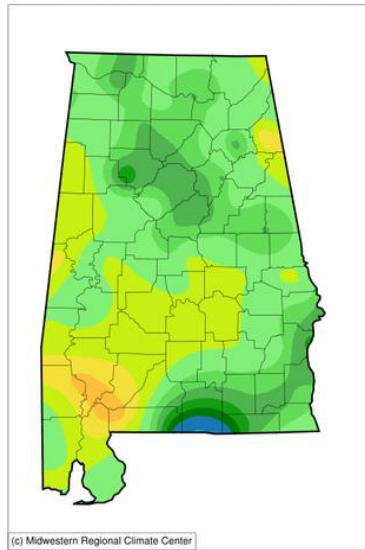
Conditions for Week Ending 08/01/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	8	83	8
Corn.....	0	0	6	53	41
Cotton.....	0	4	18	68	10
Pasture and range	0	1	7	83	9
Peanuts.....	0	4	19	63	14
Soybeans.....	0	1	8	74	17

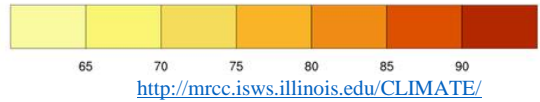
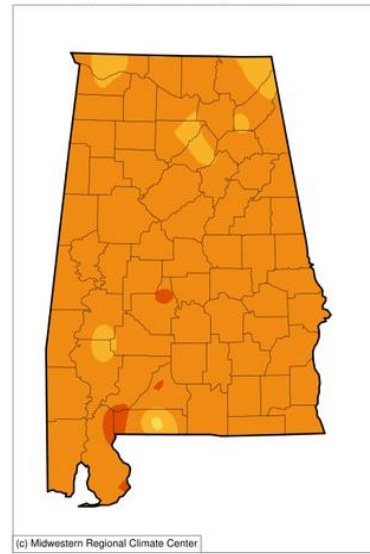
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/01/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	1	2
Adequate.....	71	92
Surplus.....	28	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	0	1
Adequate.....	81	94
Surplus.....	19	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 26, 2021 to August 01, 2021

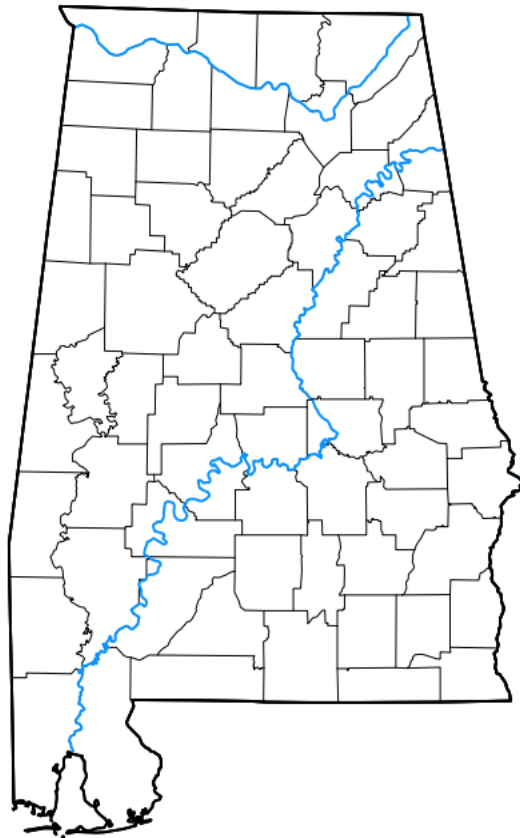


Average Temperature (°F)
July 26, 2021 to August 01, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 27, 2021
(Released Thursday, Jul. 29, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-20-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-27-2021</i>	98.04	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>07-28-2020</i>	81.22	18.78	0.47	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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