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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 31, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s.

Crops

Much of the state received a significant amount of rain throughout the week while the rest of the state experienced hot, dry weather. Crop conditions and soil moisture for much of the state continued to remain mostly good and adequate. Corn continued to mature, and harvest began in areas where moisture levels allowed. Producers remain concerned that rains were not timely enough this season to avoid some amount of yield loss. Soybeans had largely bloomed and continued to rapidly set pods. Cotton was reported to mostly be in good condition and continued squaring and setting bolls. Most producers had cut hay for the second time, with some beginning a third cutting. Peanuts pegging progressed well throughout the week. Reporters noted a more than usual number of reports of wildlife damage to crops.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle continued to be in mostly good condition, although there were some reports of livestock stress due to high temperatures. Pasture conditions remained mostly good this week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	45	37	55	54
Corn - Harvested	0	NA	1	0
Cotton - Squaring..............	93	89	94	91
Cotton - Setting Bolls	63	65	79	67
Hay - 2nd Cutting..............	78	85	90	84
Peanuts - Pegging	86	78	85	90
Soybeans - Blooming.........	82	76	79	81
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	53	45	57	56

(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 07/31/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle........................	0	2	22	72	4
Corn	6	19	40	32	3
Cotton......................	0	1	32	64	3
Pasture and range	1	3	39	54	3
Peanuts	0	0	10	82	8
Soybeans	1	12	43	41	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/31/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	8
Short..	32	26
Adequate	62	64
Surplus	4	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	0
Short..	29	35
Adequate	67	63
Surplus	3	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 25, 2022 to July 31, 2022

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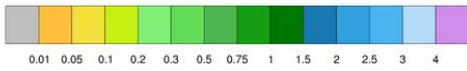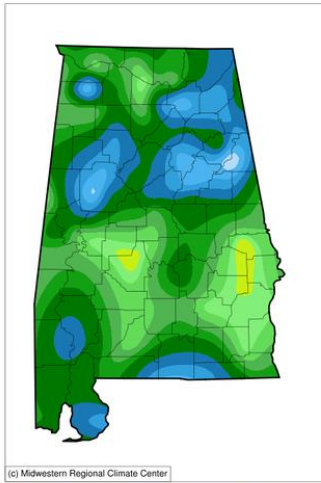
Average Temperature (°F)
July 25, 2022 to July 31, 2022

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65   70   75   80   85   90   95

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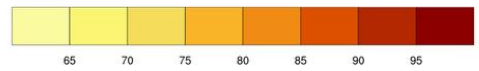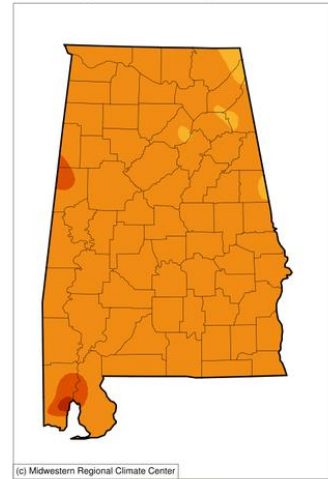
U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

July 26, 2022
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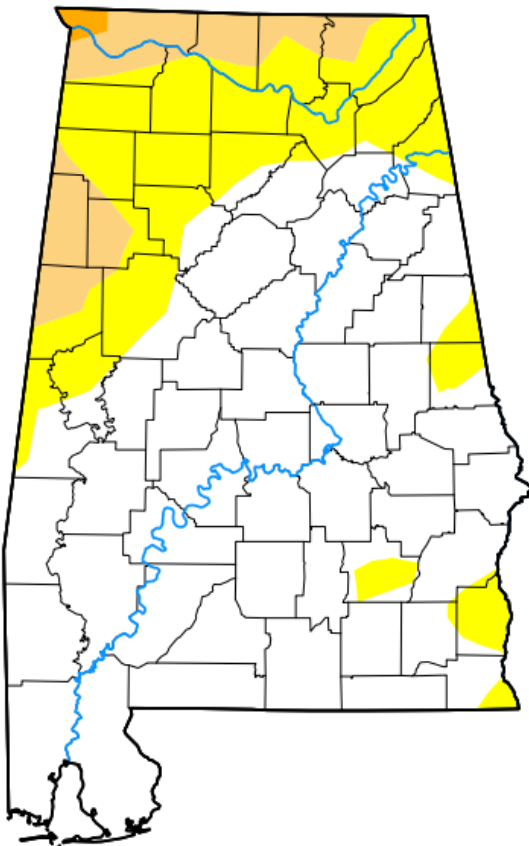
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.28	29.72	7.56	0.37	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-19-2022	70.03	29.97	6.00	0.06	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-26-2022	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-27-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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