



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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 14, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 3.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 60s.

Crops

It was a rainy and warm week throughout the state. The combination of rainfall and warmer weather has helped progress corn, cotton, soybeans, and winter wheat. Corn planting continued to near completion, while emergence of the crop continued. The first cutting of hay started in some areas while other areas reported the crop progressed well throughout the week due to the agreeable weather. Cotton and peanut planting continued to progress as well. A few areas noted replanting cotton due to poor initial stands but that was very minimal. Winter wheat headed neared completion and harvest began in some areas. Many reported strawberries bloomed and produced early but cooler temperatures slowed production down.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition. The warm weather and timely rainfall has helped maintain cattle and pasture conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	95	90	96	96
Corn - Emerged.....	85	78	85	88
Cotton - Planted	50	30	51	51
Hay - 1st Cutting	60	24	35	58
Peanuts - Planted.....	44	26	41	45
Soybeans - Planted.....	32	15	34	28
Soybeans - Emerged	9	(NA)	6	9
Winter wheat - Headed.....	96	89	93	96
Winter wheat - Harvested...	3	(NA)	1	4

(NA) Not available.

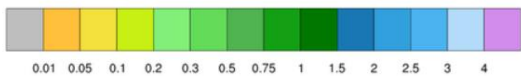
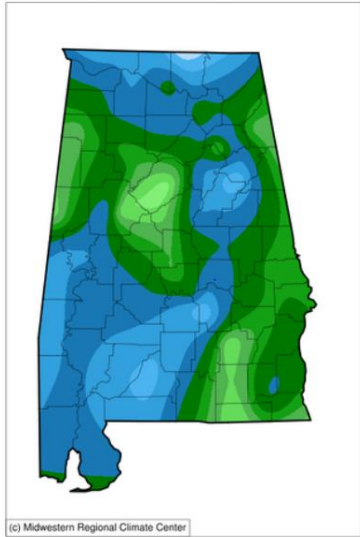
Conditions for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	5	91	2
Corn	0	0	1	97	2
Pasture and range	0	2	9	87	2
Winter wheat	0	1	45	54	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/23

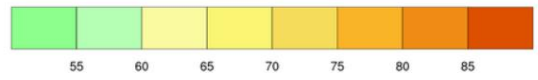
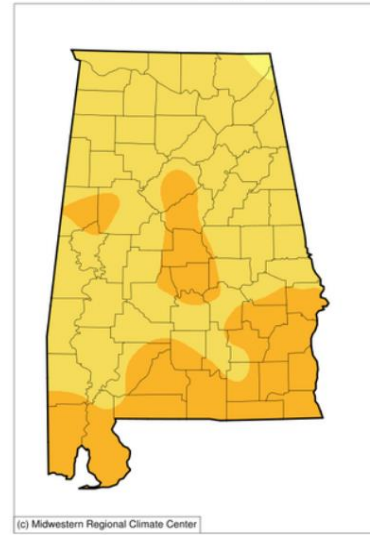
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	5	0
Adequate	90	86
Surplus.....	5	14
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	2	1
Adequate	97	97
Surplus.....	1	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 07, 2023 to May 14, 2023



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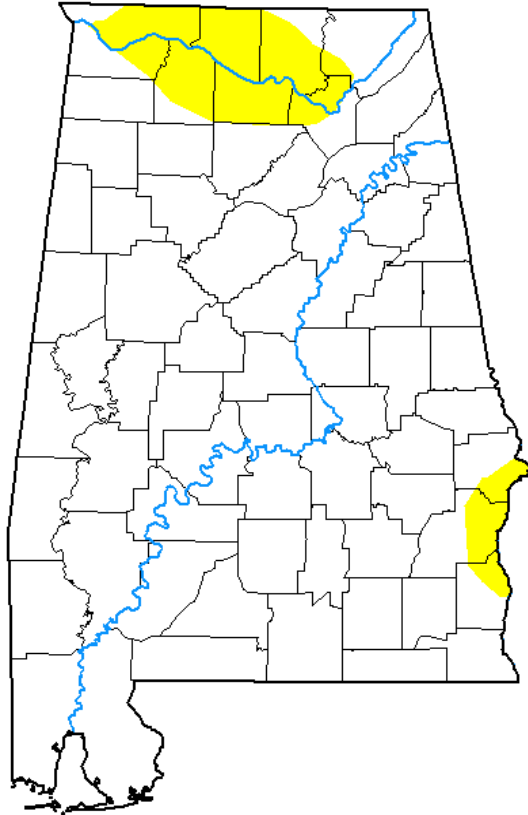
Average Temperature (°F)
May 07, 2023 to May 14, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 9, 2023
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.68	8.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-02-2023	90.02	9.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-07-2023	97.38	2.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-10-2022	96.05	3.95	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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