Alabama Crop Progress and Condition Report

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 22, 2023   *Media Contact: Charmaine Wilson*

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches to 3.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Most of the state received significant amount of rain the past week, with the southern and east central regions of the state receiving the most precipitation. The wet conditions prevented a substantial amount of field work from being completed. Operators in areas not as impacted by the rain, continued to plant cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Despite the weather, more operators were able to complete a first cutting of hay. Reporters noted that drier weather is needed for operators to bale the hay. Corn emergence and winter wheat heading both neared completion, while winter wheat harvest started to pick up some steam.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition again, with reporters noting that the rain helped pasture growth.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged...................	94	85	91	96
Cotton - Planted..................	71	51	67	70
Hay - 1st Cutting	76	35	49	73
Peanuts - Planted...............	59	41	52	62
Soybeans - Planted.............	46	34	44	42
Soybeans - Emerged..........	22	6	19	24
Winter Wheat - Headed......	99	93	96	98
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	9	1	7	11

Conditions for Week Ending 05/21/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.........................	0	1	6	91	2
Corn	0	0	1	95	4
Cotton………………...	0	1	5	93	1
Pasture and range	0	1	8	88	3
Winter Wheat.............	0	1	41	52	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short................................	0	0
Short.....................................	0	0
Adequate	86	85
Surplus...................................	14	15

Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short................................	0	0
Short.....................................	1	0
Adequate	97	97
Surplus...................................	2	3

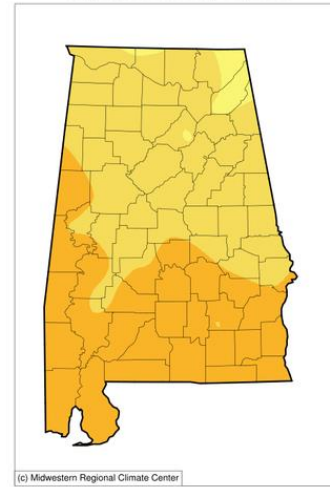**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**
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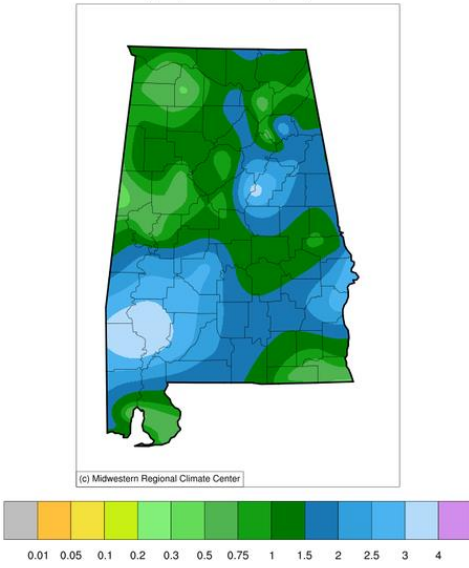
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May 15, 2023 to May 21, 2023

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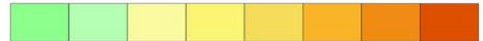
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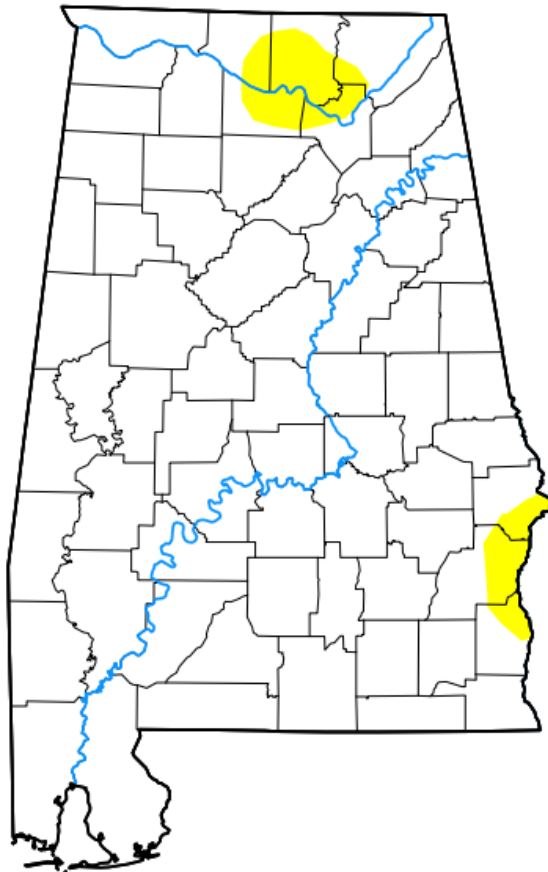
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U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

May 16, 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	95.91	4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-09-2023	91.68	8.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-14-2023	99.49	0.51	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 05-17-2022	69.06	30.94	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
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