



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 30, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received some amount of rainfall last week, with the southeastern region of the state receiving the most precipitation. Temperatures at night continued to be unseasonably cool. Despite the rain, reporters noted that operators were able to conduct a significant amount of field work. Corn planting was completed, while emergence neared completion and silking began in some fields. Cotton planting continued to make strong progress, and the first signs of squaring were seen last week as well. More operators were able to complete a first cutting of hay, but progress remained slower than previous years. Peanut planting continued to lag previous years and the cooler temperatures have delayed emergence. Soybean planting made strong progress last week and winter wheat harvest continued to pick up steam.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition again. Reporters noted that despite recent rain, more precipitation is needed in certain areas.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Emerged.....	97	91	95	98
Corn - Silking.....	3	NA	2	2
Cotton - Planted.....	83	67	79	84
Cotton - Squaring.....	1	NA	1	0
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	88	49	70	85
Peanuts - Planted.....	75	52	61	77
Soybeans - Planted.....	63	44	65	56
Soybeans - Emerged.....	43	19	33	39
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	17	7	14	19

(NA) Not available

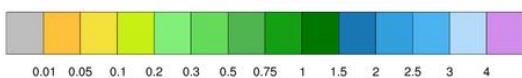
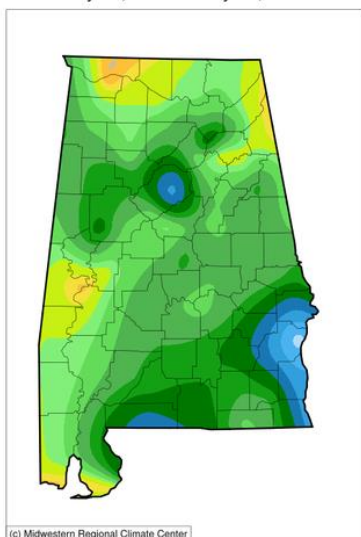
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	7	89	3
Corn.....	0	0	3	90	7
Cotton.....	0	2	9	88	1
Pasture and range ....	0	1	7	88	4
Peanuts.....	0	0	6	92	2
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	32	53	15

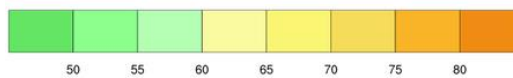
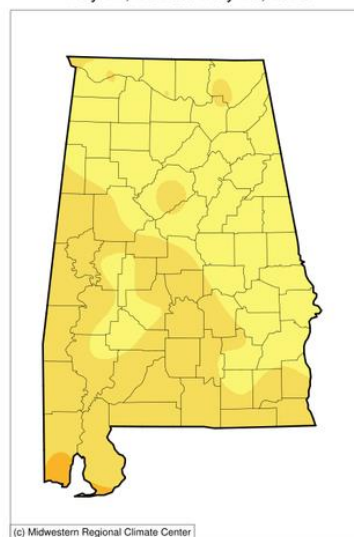
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	0	1
Adequate.....	85	92
Surplus.....	15	7
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	0	1
Adequate.....	97	98
Surplus.....	3	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023



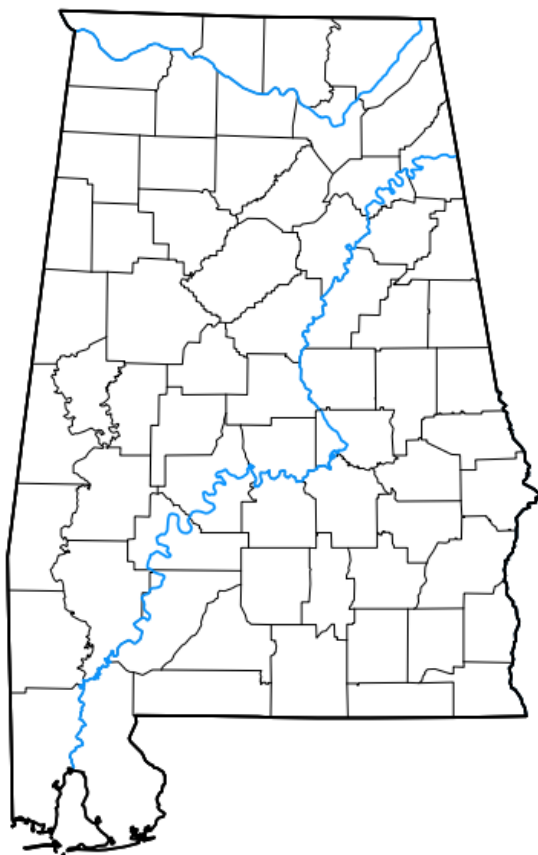
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**May 23, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, May 25, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-16-2023</i>	95.91	4.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-21-2023</i>	99.49	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-24-2022</i>	71.94	28.06	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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