



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 8, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 7, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

It was a dry week for most of the state, with only the southwestern region of the state receiving a notable amount of precipitation. Temperatures increased some but remained below historical averages. Operators were able to take advantage of the dry weather with a significant amount of field work reported the past week. Corn planting neared completion, while emergence of the crop continued. Cotton and peanut planting progressed strongly as well. Winter wheat heading near completion but remained behind schedule due to previous deep freezes. Strawberry picking was in full swing. More operators completed a first cutting of hay.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/07/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	86	79	90	91
Corn - Emerged.....	74	66	78	79
Cotton - Planted	24	16	30	30
Hay - 1st Cutting	38	14	24	40
Peanuts - Planted.....	20	12	26	25
Soybeans - Planted.....	11	5	15	12
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	89	84	89	91

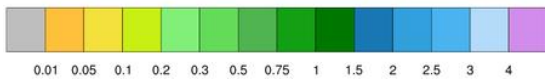
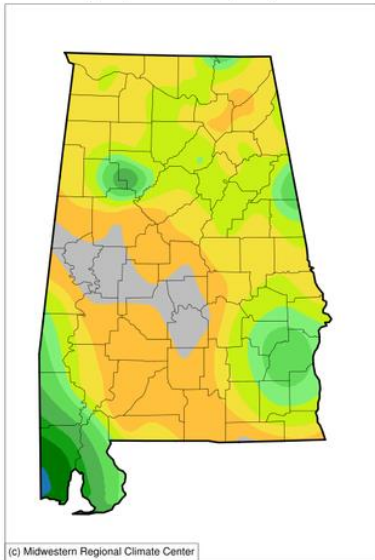
Conditions for Week Ending 05/07/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	6	85	7
Pasture and range	0	2	13	82	3
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	41	54	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/07/23

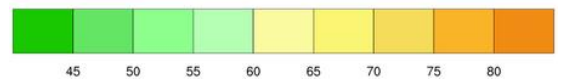
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	1	5
Adequate	85	90
Surplus.....	14	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	1	2
Adequate	94	97
Surplus.....	5	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 01, 2023 to May 07, 2023



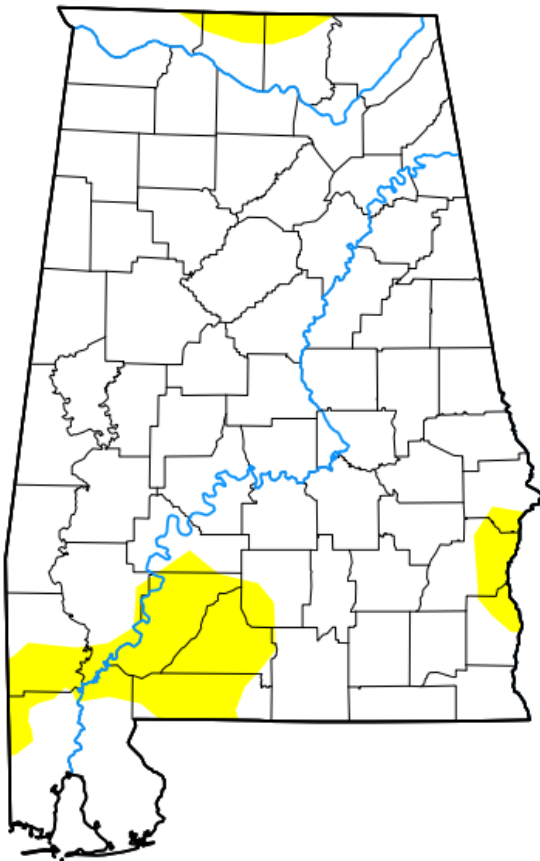
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Average Temperature (°F)
May 01, 2023 to May 07, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 2, 2023
(Released Thursday, May 4, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.02	9.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-25-2023	82.04	17.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-31-2023	97.27	2.73	0.48	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 05-03-2022	97.02	2.98	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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