



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.

July 17, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, July 16, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.3 inches to 5.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

Much of the state received moderate to significant amounts of rain last week, with the southwestern region of the state receiving the most. Flooded and muddied fields in certain areas of the state prevented operators from being able to conduct work throughout the week. Corn silking neared completion, while the first signs of maturation were seen in some areas. Cotton squaring also neared completion, while boll setting began to really pick up steam. A second harvest of hay continued to lag behind previous years due to wet field conditions. Peanuts were blooming in many areas and pegging made good progress last week. Soybean blooming and pod setting are both ahead of schedule compared to previous years. Reporters noted some issues with plant bugs and wildlife in certain areas of the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition. Reporters noted that the significant precipitation in recent weeks has improved pasture conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/16/23**

| Crop stage                  | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                             | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Silking.....         | 96        | 84        | 95        | 97         |
| Corn - Mature.....          | 16        | NA        | 8         | 14         |
| Cotton - Squaring.....      | 85        | 75        | 88        | 79         |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 47        | 13        | 40        | 38         |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting.....      | 76        | 47        | 57        | 71         |
| Peanuts - Pegging.....      | 68        | 39        | 61        | 71         |
| Soybeans - Blooming.....    | 59        | 50        | 63        | 58         |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods ... | 26        | 10        | 33        | 21         |

NA – Not Available

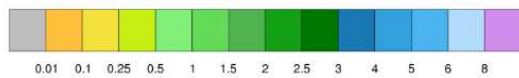
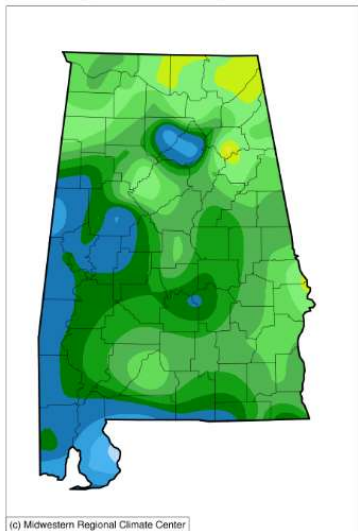
**Conditions for Week Ending 7/16/23**

| Crop                  | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                       | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....           | 0         | 1         | 8         | 85        | 6         |
| Corn.....             | 0         | 1         | 12        | 58        | 29        |
| Cotton.....           | 0         | 1         | 19        | 70        | 10        |
| Pasture and range.... | 0         | 1         | 9         | 85        | 5         |
| Peanuts.....          | 0         | 0         | 20        | 67        | 13        |
| Soybeans.....         | 0         | 0         | 6         | 90        | 4         |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/16/23**

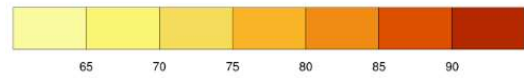
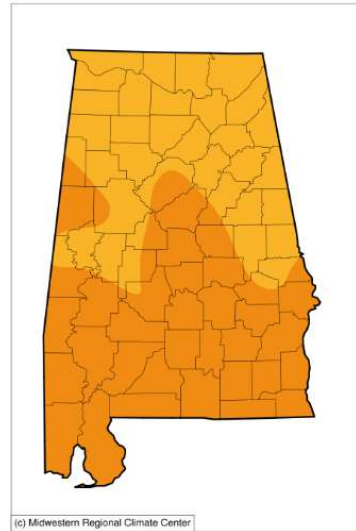
| Topsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0             | 0         |
| Short.....      | 7             | 6         |
| Adequate.....   | 71            | 80        |
| Surplus.....    | 22            | 14        |
| Subsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0             | 0         |
| Short.....      | 7             | 5         |
| Adequate.....   | 82            | 86        |
| Surplus.....    | 11            | 9         |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 10, 2023 to July 16, 2023



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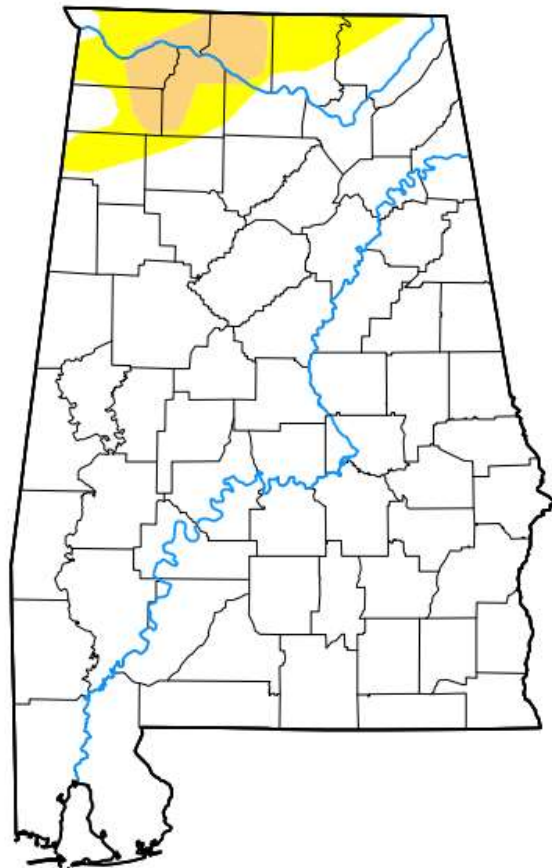
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 10, 2023 to July 16, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**July 11, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 13, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 91.81 | 8.19  | 3.09  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-04-2023</i>              | 82.86 | 17.14 | 3.40  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>04-11-2023</i>           | 80.36 | 19.64 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2023</i> | 55.18 | 44.82 | 17.97 | 0.91  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2022</i>    | 67.58 | 32.42 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>07-12-2022</i>           | 60.49 | 39.51 | 8.87  | 0.06  | 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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