



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, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, July 23, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

It was a hot, dry week for much of the state, as only a few isolated areas of the state received adequate amounts of precipitation. While most of the state was dry, with crops in good condition, there were some reports of crop damage due to excessive heat, rain, and wind. Corn silking reached completion, while maturation began to pick up steam. Cotton squaring neared completion, while boll setting continued to make strong progress. Dry weather in select areas helped operators conduct a second cutting of hay, although progress continued to lag behind previous years. Peanut pegging made modest progress last week and continued to lag behind previous years as well. Soybean blooming and pod setting both made moderate progress last week. Reporters noted plant bugs continued to be an issue for some operators.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/23/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	34	8	28	34
Cotton - Squaring.....	89	88	92	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	63	40	60	54
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	84	57	72	79
Peanuts - Pegging.....	77	61	72	82
Soybeans - Blooming.....	74	63	75	73
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	43	33	48	41

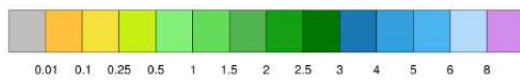
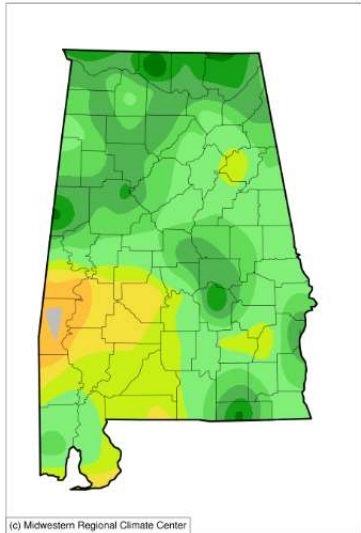
Conditions for Week Ending 7/23/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	14	80	5
Corn.....	0	2	14	64	20
Cotton.....	0	2	13	72	13
Pasture and range....	1	2	20	72	5
Peanuts.....	0	0	16	64	20
Soybeans.....	0	0	8	83	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/23/23

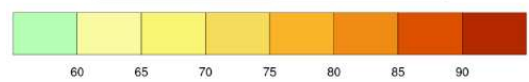
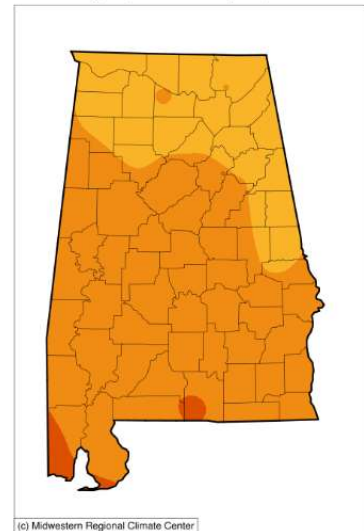
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1
Short.....	6	10
Adequate	80	81
Surplus	14	8
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	3
Short.....	5	6
Adequate	86	87
Surplus	9	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023



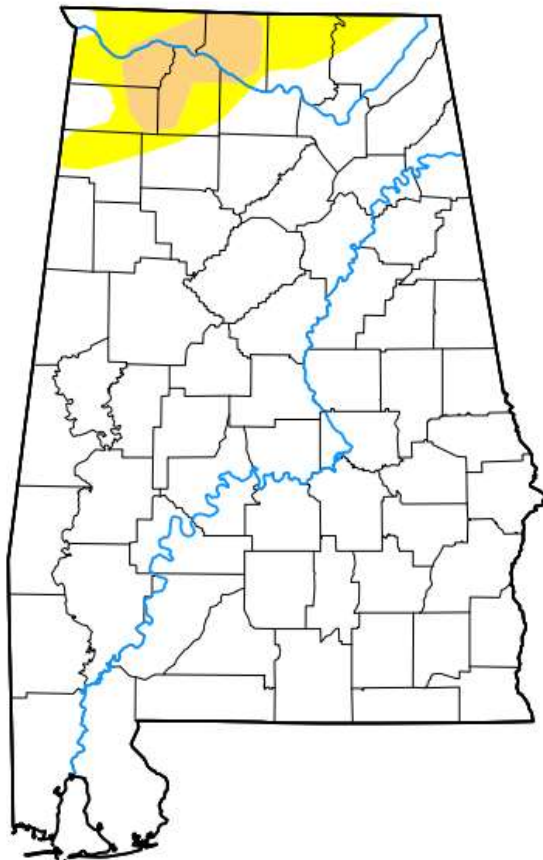
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Average Temperature (°F)
July 17, 2023 to July 23, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



July 18, 2023
(Released Thursday, Jul. 20, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.93	8.07	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-11-2023	91.81	8.19	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-18-2023	82.35	17.65	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 07-19-2022	70.03	29.97	6.00	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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