



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 31, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, July 30, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

It was hot and dry across the state last week with only the southwestern region of the state receiving significant amounts of precipitation. The dry weather meant operators were able to conduct a significant amount of field work throughout the week. While most crops were reported to be in good condition, reporters noted that high temperatures caused some adverse effects on crops. As corn continued to mature around the state, some operators began harvesting early planted varieties. Cotton squaring neared completion, while boll setting had a strong week. More operators conducted a second cutting of hay, with reporters noting some will start a third cutting in the coming weeks. Peanut pegging had another excellent week and remains on track with historical progress. Soybean blooming made modest gains, while pod setting continued to advance at a good rate.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition, although reporters noted cases of livestock stress due to the high temperatures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 7/30/23**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	52	28	41	49
Corn - Harvested .....	1	NA	1	0
Cotton - Squaring.....	93	92	95	92
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	77	60	71	70
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	89	72	82	85
Peanuts - Pegging.....	84	72	89	89
Soybeans - Blooming.....	79	75	84	80
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	55	48	61	55

(NA) Not Available

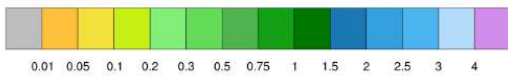
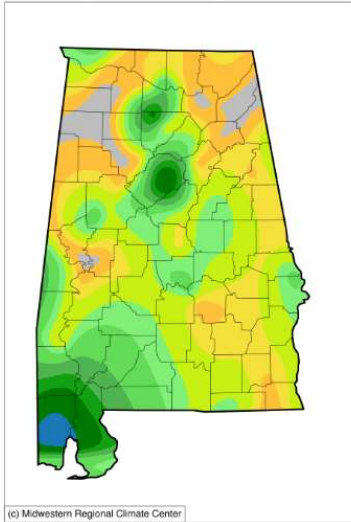
**Conditions for Week Ending 7/30/23**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	13	80	6
Corn.....	0	3	9	61	27
Cotton.....	0	1	17	70	12
Pasture and range....	1	1	22	69	7
Peanuts.....	0	0	19	62	19
Soybeans.....	0	0	12	75	13

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 7/30/23**

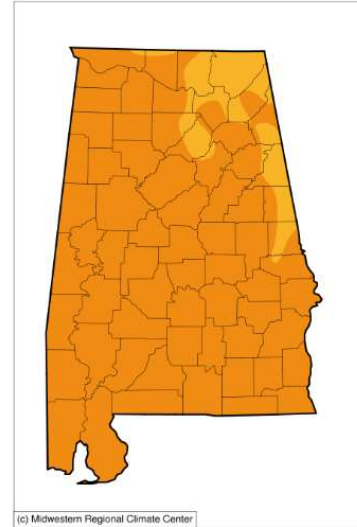
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	2
Short.....	10	14
Adequate .....	81	80
Surplus .....	8	4
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	1
Short.....	6	11
Adequate .....	87	85
Surplus .....	4	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023



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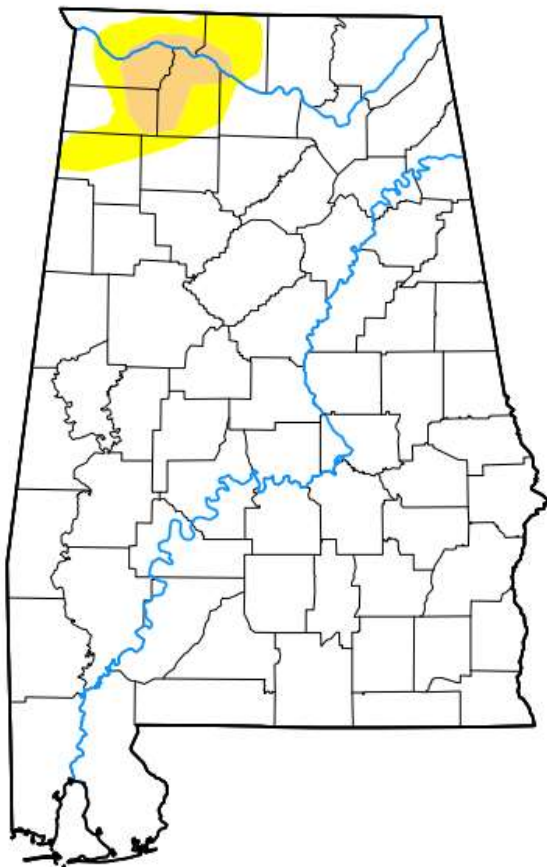
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023



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# U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**July 25, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 27, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	94.22	5.78	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-18-2023</i>	91.93	8.07	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-25-2023</i>	82.04	17.96	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>07-26-2022</i>	70.28	29.72	7.56	0.37	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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