



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.

August 14, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received an adequate amount of rain last week, with only the southwestern region of the state not receiving much precipitation. While the rain was needed in many areas, reporters noted that severe storms caused flooding and some damage to crops and structures. Many producers needed to spray cotton and soybeans with ground rigs and had difficulty due to wet fields. Aerial applications were made in some areas. Corn was really starting to dry down and producers were busy maintaining harvest equipment. Cotton squaring neared completion, while boll setting and opening had modest progress. A second cutting of hay and peanut pegging both had slow progress but neared completion by the end of the week. Soybean blooming and pod setting also had a slow week but remained ahead of schedule compared to previous years. Insect pressure remained low in soybeans.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition, although reporters noted cases of livestock death due to severe storms. In areas that did not receive much rain, reporters noted that pastures were in need of some precipitation.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/13/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	85	61	79	73
Corn - Harvested .....	9	3	7	5
Cotton - Squaring.....	99	96	98	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	92	82	89	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	6	1	5	6
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	98	87	92	94
Peanuts - Pegging .....	93	95	98	97
Soybeans - Blooming.....	85	92	94	91
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	69	73	82	73

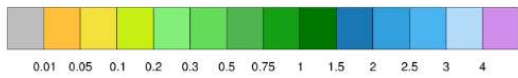
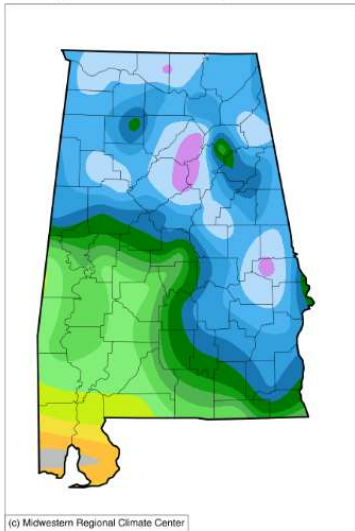
**Conditions for Week Ending 8/13/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	14	78	7
Corn .....	0	1	15	66	18
Cotton.....	0	1	20	66	13
Pasture and range ....	1	3	22	71	3
Peanuts .....	1	1	15	67	16
Soybeans .....	0	2	8	66	24

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/13/23**

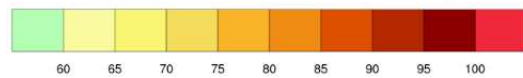
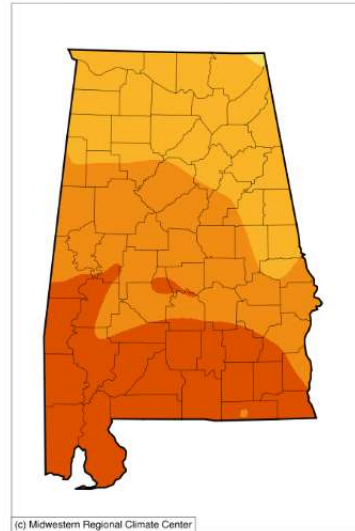
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	18	18
Adequate .....	76	65
Surplus .....	5	16
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	2
Short.....	8	8
Adequate .....	85	75
Surplus .....	5	15

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 07, 2023 to August 13, 2023



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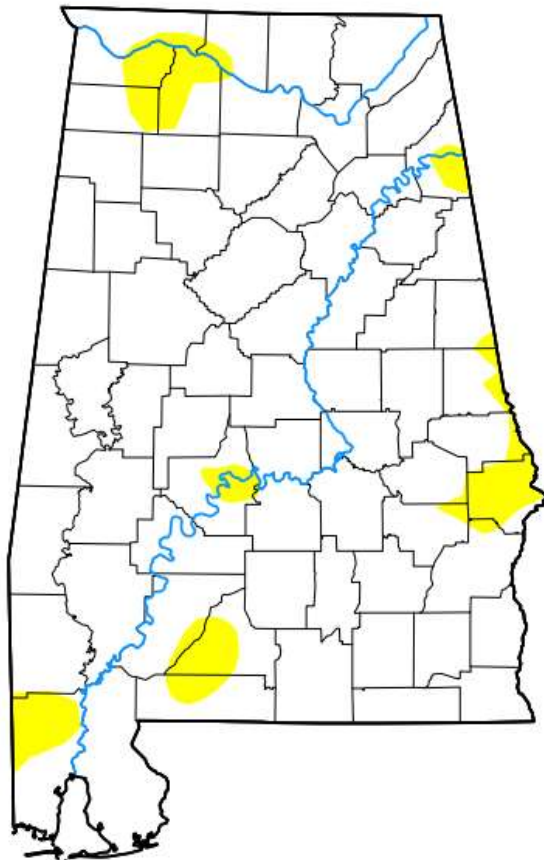
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 07, 2023 to August 13, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 8, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	92.74	7.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-01-2023	86.97	13.03	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-09-2023	91.68	8.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-09-2022	80.15	19.85	3.73	0.38	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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