



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 21, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, August 20, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

It was a very dry week for most of the state last week, with only the northern region of the state receiving an adequate amount of precipitation. While temperatures were slightly lower last week, reporters noted instances of crops suffering due to prolonged high heat and low levels of rain. Corn maturation had a modest week of progress, with more operators taking advantage of the dry weather and beginning harvest activities. Cotton boll setting neared completion, while boll opening had a slow week of progress due to the heat. A second harvest of hay was conducted by some operators who took advantage of the dry weather. Soybean blooming and pod setting had slow weeks but remained slightly ahead of historical progress. The first soybean leaves dropped last week with reporters noting that more rain was needed. Dryland peanuts were starting to suffer under the heat and there were reports of white mold activity on peanuts due to the high humidity.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/20/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	93	79	88	82
Corn - Harvested	13	7	12	12
Cotton - Setting Bolls	96	89	93	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening	13	5	10	14
Hay - 2nd Cutting	99	92	94	97
Soybeans - Blooming	95	94	96	95
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	79	82	86	81
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	3	NA	1	3

(NA) Not Available

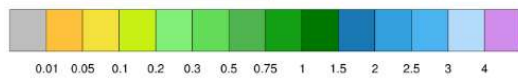
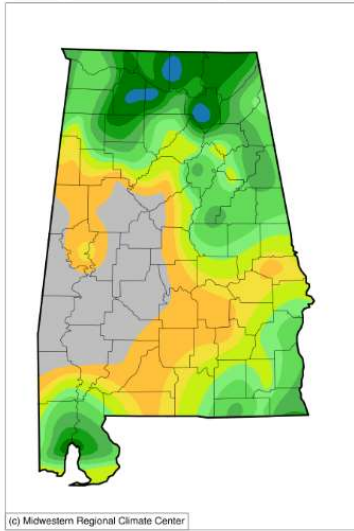
Conditions for Week Ending 8/20/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	79	4
Corn	0	1	16	72	11
Cotton	0	1	19	65	15
Pasture and range	0	6	23	68	3
Peanuts	0	2	23	67	8
Soybeans	0	1	8	67	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/20/23

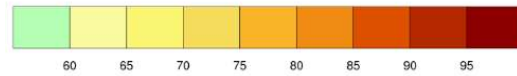
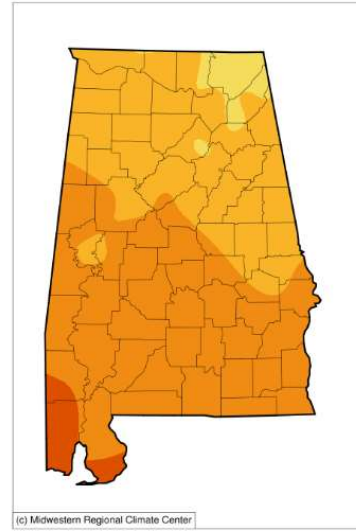
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	5
Short	18	27
Adequate	65	65
Surplus	16	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3
Short	8	20
Adequate	75	75
Surplus	15	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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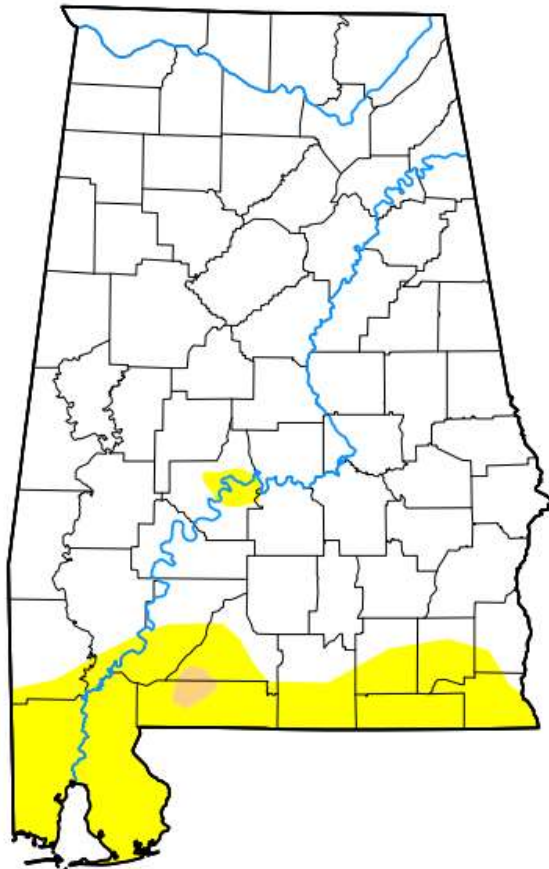
Average Temperature (°F)
August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 15, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	84.47	15.53	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-08-2023	92.74	7.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-16-2023	95.91	4.09	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 08-16-2022	79.33	20.67	3.76	0.18	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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