



**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 28, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Alabama for the week ending Sunday, August 27, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the low 100s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Last week was extremely hot and dry throughout the entire state, with much of the state receiving no precipitation at all. Multiple locations in the state averaged over 100 degrees for the high for the entire week. Reporters noted some crop damage due to the extremely high temperatures. Corn maturation and harvest made modest progress, with operators able to take advantage of the dry weather. Cotton was starting to wilt under the extreme heat, especially non irrigated fields. Some operators took advantage of the dry weather and completed a second harvest of hay, with reporters noting that some operators began a third harvest. Soybeans were beginning to rapidly dry down.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition. Reporters noted cases of livestock stress and declining pasture conditions due to the high temperatures and dry weather.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/27/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	97	88	93	90
Corn - Harvested	21	12	20	24
Cotton - Setting Bolls	98	93	95	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening	18	10	14	21
Hay - 2nd Cutting	100	94	97	98
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	88	86	90	88
Soybeans - Drop Leaves ...	10	1	9	10

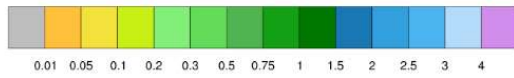
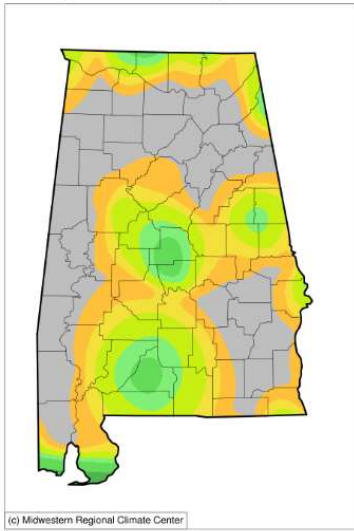
Conditions for Week Ending 8/27/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	2	20	73	4
Corn	0	1	18	70	11
Cotton	0	2	24	65	9
Pasture and range	2	11	32	54	1
Peanuts	0	7	32	59	2
Soybeans	0	1	16	59	24

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/27/23

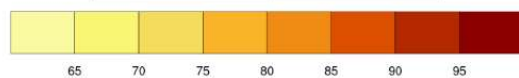
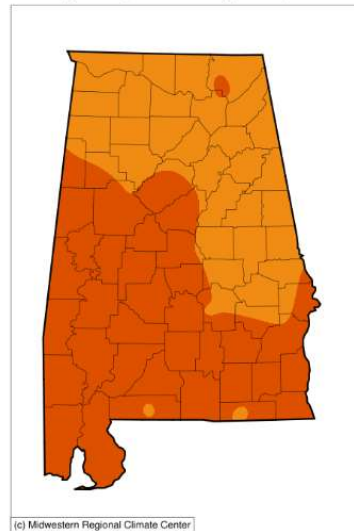
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	13
Short	27	37
Adequate	65	50
Surplus	3	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	8
Short	20	31
Adequate	75	61
Surplus	2	0

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 21, 2023 to August 27, 2023



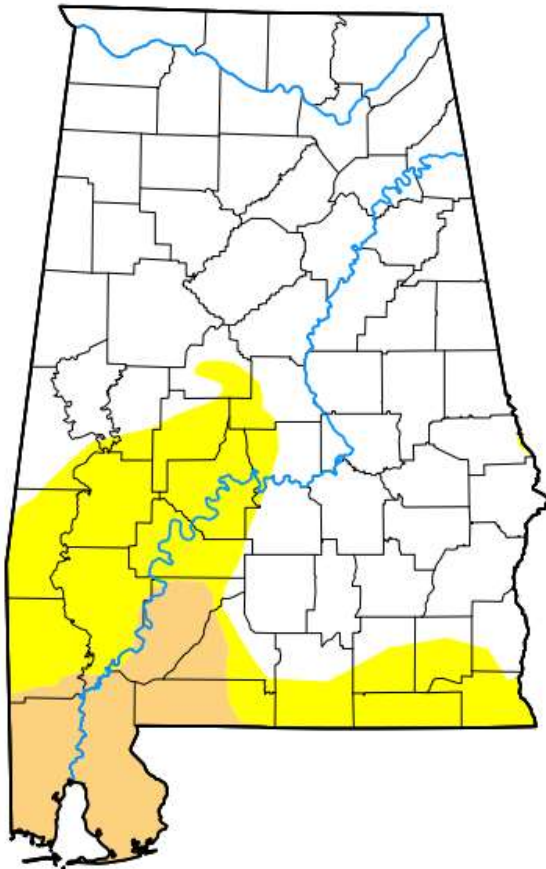
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Average Temperature (°F)
August 21, 2023 to August 27, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 22, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.76	30.24	9.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-15-2023	84.47	15.53	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-23-2023	100.00	0.00	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 08-23-2022	94.58	5.42	0.50	0.15	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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