



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 7, 2023

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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, August 6, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 7.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

It was another hot and dry week in the state, although some areas in the northern half of the state received a significant amount of precipitation. Many areas also received severe thunderstorms which caused crop damage, field flooding, and limited field work. In areas less impacted by severe weather, corn maturation made strong progress while harvest began to get underway throughout the week. Cotton squaring neared completion, while the first signs of boll opening were seen. Peanut pegging had a modest week but still neared completion, as did soybean blooming. Soybean pod setting remained ahead of historical averages, while a second harvest of hay continued to lag behind previous years.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition, although reporters noted cases of livestock heat stress. Reporters also noted that pastures in areas without significant precipitation were beginning to suffer.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/6/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	68	41	61	62
Corn - Harvested	3	1	3	1
Cotton - Squaring.....	96	95	96	95
Cotton - Setting Bolls	88	71	82	80
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	0	NA	1	1
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	94	82	87	91
Peanuts - Pegging.....	89	89	95	93
Soybeans - Blooming.....	82	84	92	86
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	64	61	73	65

NA - Not Available

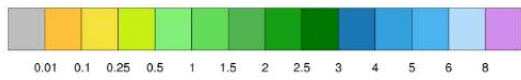
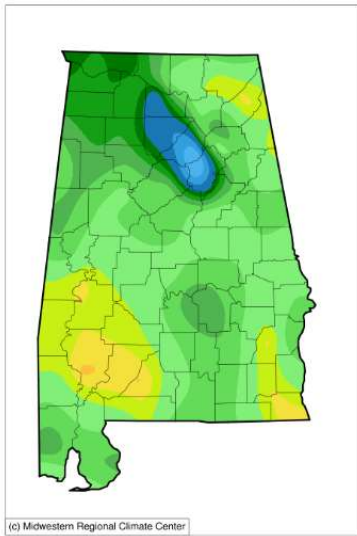
Conditions for Week Ending 8/6/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	11	83	5
Corn	0	3	12	61	24
Cotton.....	0	1	17	68	14
Pasture and range	0	4	17	71	8
Peanuts	0	0	16	69	15
Soybeans	0	1	10	67	22

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/6/23

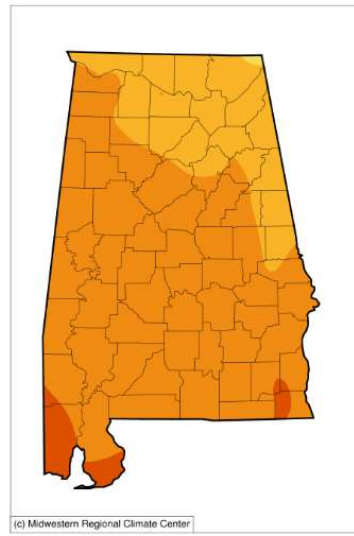
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	1
Short.....	14	18
Adequate	80	76
Surplus	4	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	2
Short.....	11	8
Adequate	85	85
Surplus	3	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



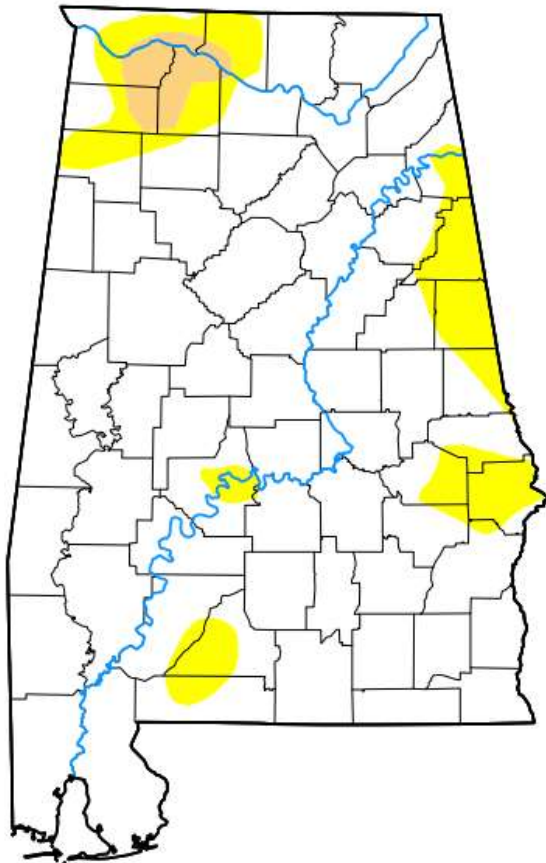
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Average Temperature (°F)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 1, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	86.97	13.03	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-25-2023</i>	94.22	5.78	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-02-2023</i>	90.02	9.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-02-2022</i>	75.41	24.59	5.79	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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