



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.

May 13, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 12, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.6 inches to 4.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received adequate rainfall throughout the week. Many producers across the state experienced high winds, thunderstorms, and tornados. Producers in these areas lost about two days of field work as well as wind, hail, and flooding damage to corn and hay crops that were reported. Winter wheat harvest began last week with most of the crop quickly drying down. Winter wheat condition was mostly good, although some producers did report damage due to strong thunderstorms. Cotton and peanuts planted progressed well throughout the week as the weather allowed. Soybeans planted continued and were beginning to emerge. A first hay cutting began to wrap up for many farmers as they prepared for the second cutting. In Cullman County, strawberry harvest was nearly complete for the season.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and have improved with all the recent rain and warmer temperatures. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/12/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	94	83	90	95
Corn - Emerged.....	83	67	76	87
Cotton - Planted .....	45	21	42	43
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	32	36	45	49
Peanuts - Planted.....	37	12	30	37
Soybeans - Planted.....	29	21	36	23
Soybeans - Emerged .....	4	0	7	5
Winter wheat - Headed.....	92	85	89	94
Winter wheat - Harvested...	1	NA	2	2

NA (Not Available)

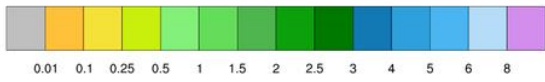
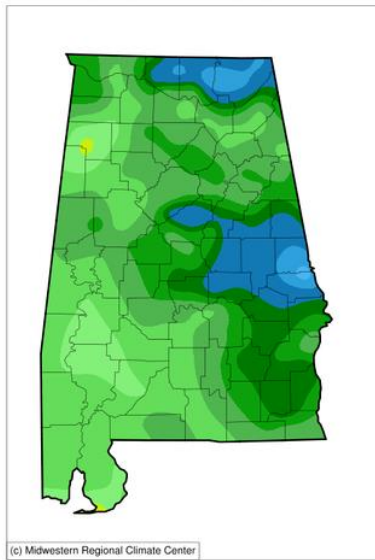
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/12/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	12	79	7
Corn .....	0	1	11	83	5
Pasture and range ....	1	2	21	71	5
Winter wheat .....	0	1	35	57	7

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/12/24**

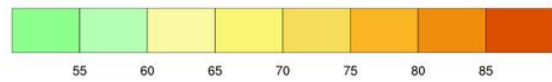
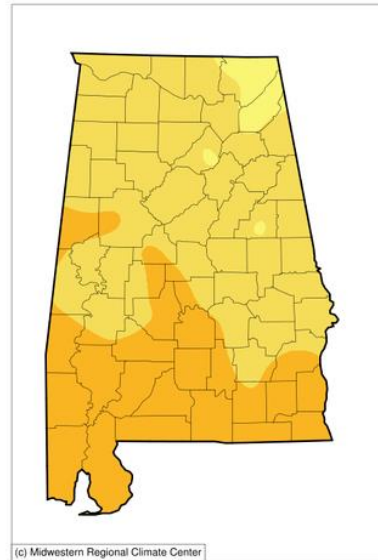
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	3	2
Short .....	18	15
Adequate .....	76	77
Surplus.....	3	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short .....	20	14
Adequate .....	75	77
Surplus.....	3	7

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 06, 2024 to May 12, 2024



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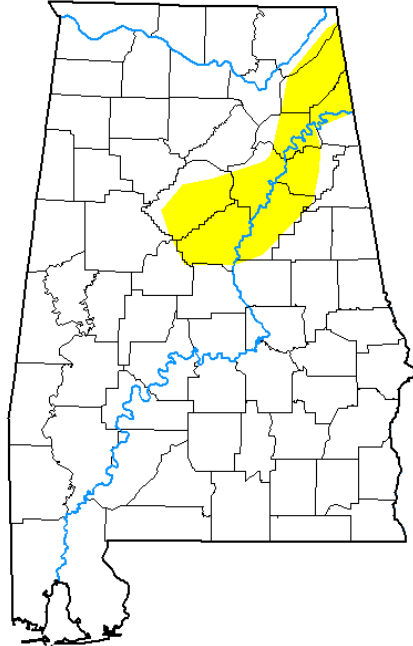
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 06, 2024 to May 12, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**May 7, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, May 9, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**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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