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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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 21, 2024. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 5.5 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced hot temperatures with scattered rainfall. Although much of the state received rain, it was not enough to alleviate the abnormally dry to severe drought conditions in the state. Drought conditions continued to negatively impact field crops, specifically corn and hay. Corn silking neared completion and continued to mature. Many producers reported that the corn crop was too far along for rainfall to help at this point and believe corn yields will be negatively impacted. Cotton squaring and cotton setting bolls continued throughout the week. Cotton showed signs of improvement with the light rain received. Soybeans blooming and setting pods continued to progress. In Morgan County, replanted soybeans were not doing well with emergence and the dry conditions. For other parts of the state, the light rain improved soybean conditions. Hay second cutting progressed; however, for many counties it slowed or had not started due to lack of growth or limited drying time.

Livestock and Pastures

Scattered showers helped put back moisture in the ground and bring life back to pastures in some areas. Cattle and pasture and range were in mostly good to fair condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/21/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Silking.....	NA	92	98	NA
Corn - Mature.....	22	13	30	26
Cotton - Squaring.....	91	84	88	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	54	45	54	48
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	68	57	62	75
Peanuts - Pegging.....	69	72	78	77
Soybeans - Blooming.....	72	60	67	69
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	44	27	33	38

(NA) Not available.

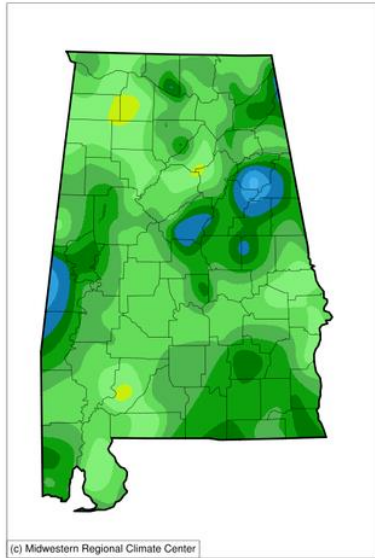
Conditions for Week Ending 07/21/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	30	63	2
Corn.....	7	22	43	27	1
Cotton.....	2	6	36	55	1
Pasture and range....	3	15	37	44	1
Peanuts.....	0	0	19	77	4
Soybeans.....	3	9	44	43	1

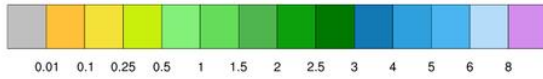
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/21/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	11
Short.....	48	39
Adequate.....	37	47
Surplus.....	1	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	7
Short.....	42	42
Adequate.....	43	48
Surplus.....	1	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024

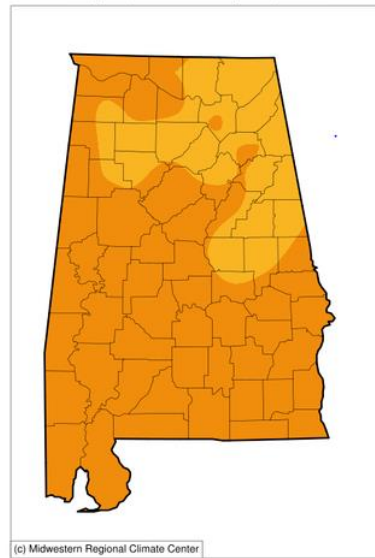


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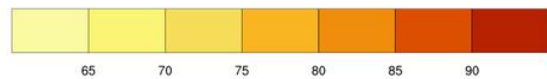


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Average Temperature (°F)
July 15, 2024 to July 21, 2024



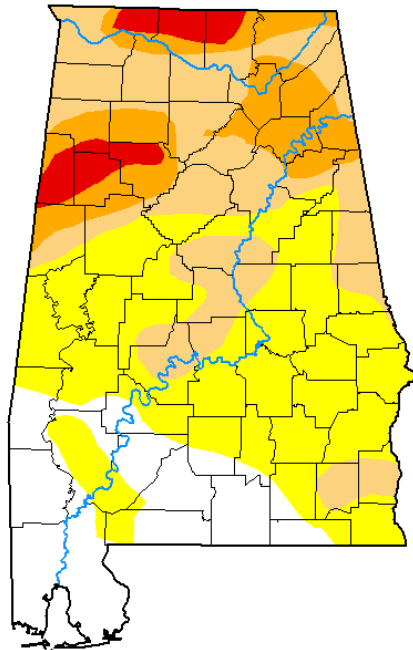
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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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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