



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 19, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 18, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received little to no rain and experienced hot temperatures. Producers reported the dry, hot weather had taken its toll on crops, specifically corn and soybeans. Corn for grain continued to mature and be harvested with below average yields being reported. In Cullman County, corn shelling was underway. Cotton continued setting bolls and earlier planted fields bolls began opening throughout the week. Hay cutting was wrapping up. Peanuts continued pegging and were improving in some areas that received light rain showers. Soybeans blooming neared completion while setting pods progressed and plants just started to drop leaves. Soybeans planted later in the season were in critical need of moisture. In Jackson and Coffee counties, many producers continued struggling with armyworms.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition while pastures were in fair to good condition. The dry, hot weather caused pastures to decline for many livestock producers.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/18/24**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	85	77	87	80
Corn - Harvested.....	11	8	13	10
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	92	77	84	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	9	6	13	9
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	93	84	90	95
Peanuts - Pegging .....	99	93	97	98
Soybeans - Blooming.....	95	85	94	95
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	85	65	73	81
Soybeans - Drop Leaves....	1	NA	2	2

(NA) Not Available

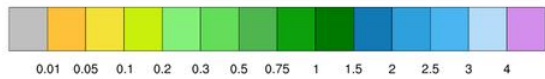
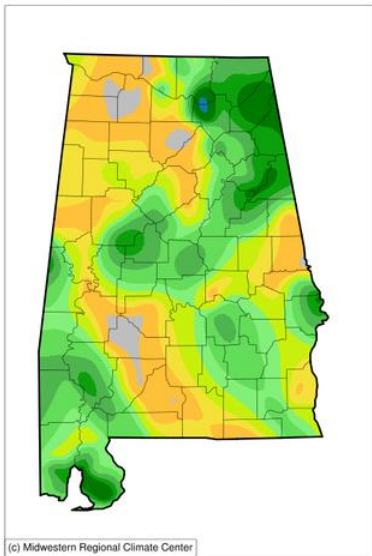
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/18/24**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	7	28	63	2
Corn .....	10	30	32	27	1
Cotton .....	0	12	33	53	2
Pasture and range ....	1	13	45	40	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	26	66	7
Soybeans.....	1	9	45	44	1

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/18/24**

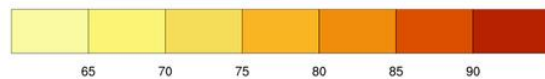
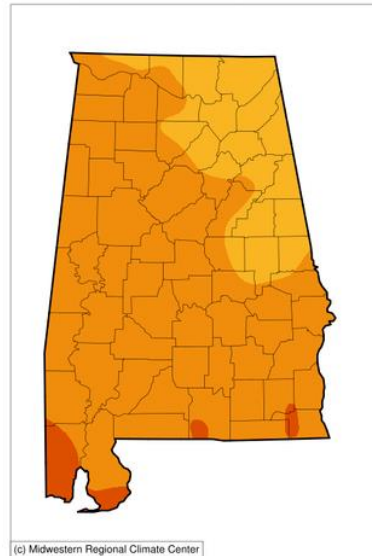
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	6
Short .....	33	41
Adequate .....	62	52
Surplus.....	2	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	9	6
Short .....	26	39
Adequate .....	63	54
Surplus.....	2	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024



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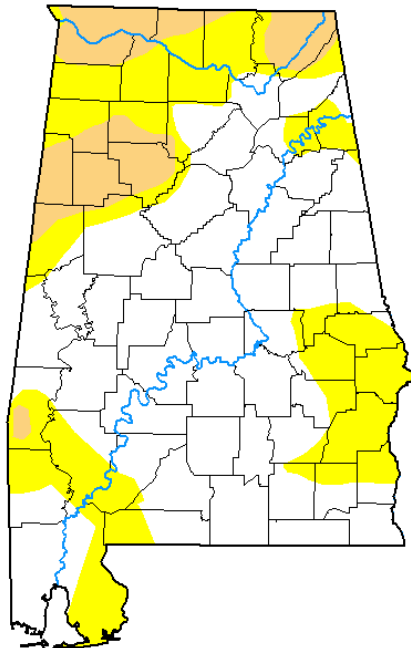
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024



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**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**Alabama**

**August 13, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 15, 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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