



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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the Central and Southeast parts of state received light, localized showers with other parts of the state remaining mostly dry. A couple counties in Northwest Alabama slipped into the severe drought category and the dry conditions were negatively impacting crops, specifically corn and soybeans. Corn for grain continued to mature and be harvested with below average yields still being reported. Cotton progress slowed some last week with some reports of plants drooping and producers preparing to start spraying defoliant in some areas. Hay second cutting was wrapping up as the third cutting started. Some producers reported that hay fields needed moisture and are concerned about having a third hay cutting. In Macon and Russell counties, many producers continued struggling with armyworms in hay and pastures. Soybean producers started to get concerned about the lack of precipitation. Soybeans blooming neared completion while setting pods progressed and plants continued to drop leaves.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle was in mostly good to fair condition while pastures were in fair to good condition. Many producers supplemented with hay due to pastures declining from dry weather conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/25/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	92	87	90	88
Corn - Harvested.....	18	13	26	19
Cotton - Setting Bolls	94	84	90	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	13	13	20	16
Hay - 2nd Cutting	96	90	92	97
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	NA	NA	6	NA
Soybeans - Blooming.....	97	94	96	98
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	89	73	85	88
Soybeans - Drop Leaves....	7	2	10	8

(NA) Not available.

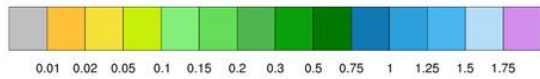
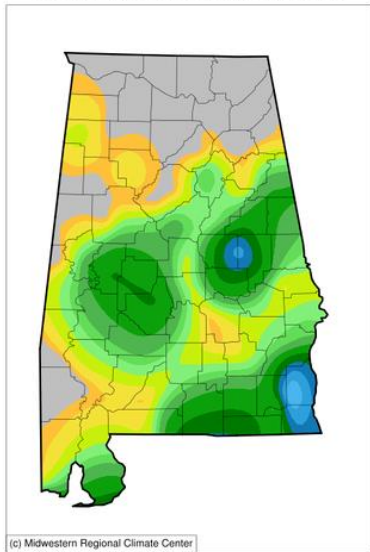
Conditions for Week Ending 08/25/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	6	30	60	4
Corn.....	17	26	30	26	1
Cotton	1	9	34	53	3
Pasture and range	5	16	43	34	2
Peanuts.....	1	2	29	61	7
Soybeans.....	4	9	41	44	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/25/24

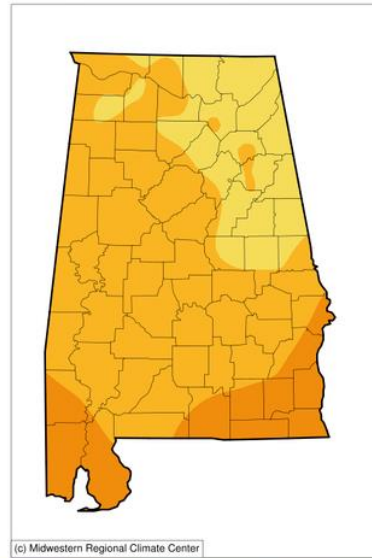
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	6	12
Short	41	44
Adequate	52	43
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	6	13
Short	39	39
Adequate	54	47
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 19, 2024 to August 25, 2024



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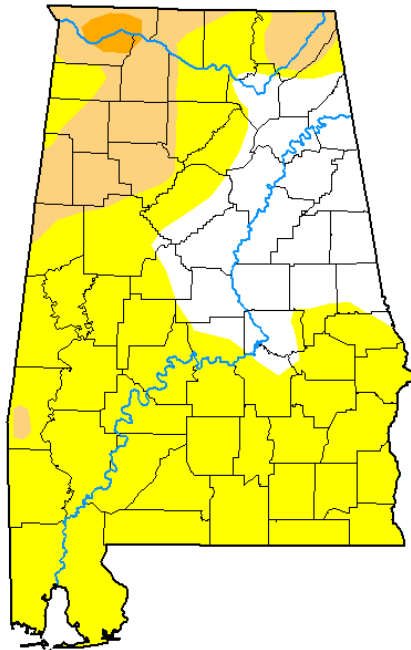
Average Temperature (°F)
August 19, 2024 to August 25, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 20, 2024
(Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 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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