



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.06 to 1.25 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low to high 50s.

County Comments

Wheat looks good. All other planted crops need rain.

Thomas Atkinson, Madison County

Routine pasture management chores continued through the week along with additional haying operations.

Henry Dorough, St. Clair County

Cotton planting ramped up this week between some rain showers but progress was good. Most corn looks good at this point with some replants.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Peanut producers have begun to plant. These last couple of days of cool weather have not been good on young corn or any crops that were just planted.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Planting of peanuts and cotton well underway. Conditions are dry in most places.

James Jones, Jr, Henry County

A good bit of hay has been cut with our current weather pattern. A good rain is needed next week for planting to continue and pastures to continue growing.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	97	92	80	88
Corn - Emerged	92	75	58	70
Cotton - Planted.....	44	22	24	32
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	39	12	44	NA
Peanuts - Planted	20	9	22	20
Soybeans - Planted	24	5	17	15
Winter Wheat - Headed ...	90	79	92	87
Winter Wheat - Harvested	0	NA	1	1

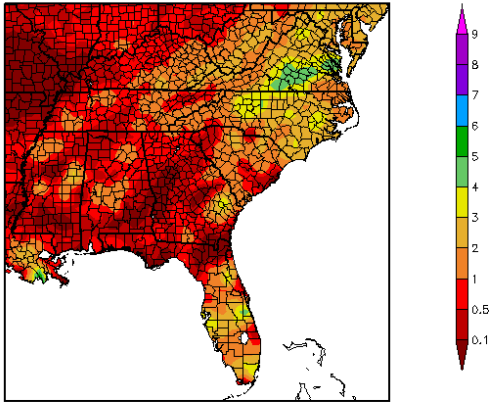
Conditions for Week Ending 05/08/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	8	78	13
Corn	0	4	22	66	8
Pasture and range	0	1	16	67	16
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	16	69	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/16

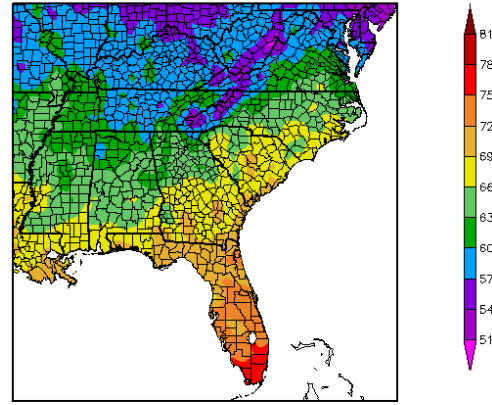
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	4	3
Short.....	17	14	13
Adequate.....	73	71	60
Surplus	5	11	24
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	1	NA
Short.....	10	7	NA
Adequate	82	83	NA
Surplus	5	9	NA

Precipitation (in)
5/2/2016 - 5/8/2016



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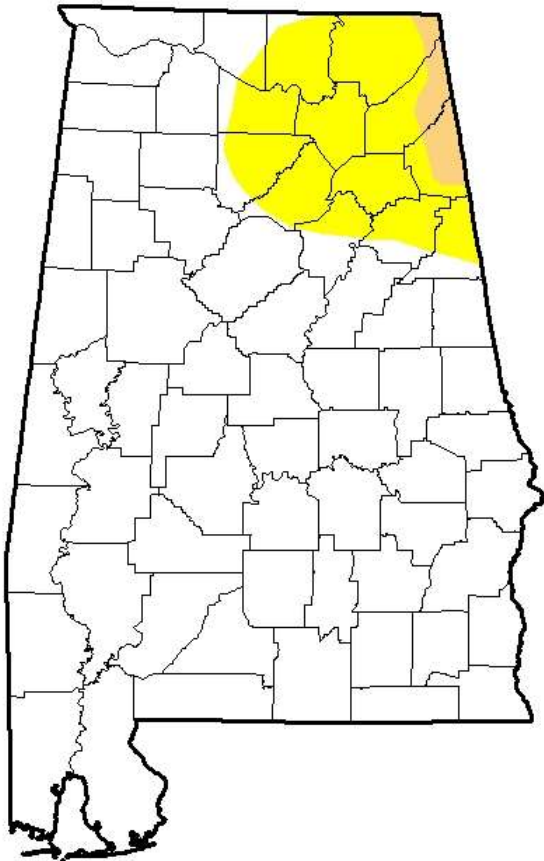
Temperature (F)
5/2/2016 - 5/8/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	86.10	13.90	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/26/2016	91.12	8.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/2/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/5/2015	64.57	35.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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