

# 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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 4, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.80 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

#### **County Comments**

Rain showers were still spotty. Some crops were under stress because of the heat and lack of rain. It was a good week for getting up second cutting of hay.

#### **Tim Malone, Winston County**

Another hot and dry week led to good conditions for hay production, but also highlighted the need for irrigation of cotton and soybeans. Scattered showers at the end of the week brought much needed rain in the spots where they occurred. More widespread rain is needed to improve current drought conditions.

# Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Covington County received over an inch of rain yesterday and maybe more in the future. Things were getting critical. The pastures and hayfields should recover enough to get another hay cutting. Cattle have been fed hay which is not good for future hay stocks for winter.

# **Charles Simon, Covington County**

This year's crops were in a very precarious situation. If rainfall continues over the next two weeks, we can have good crops. If the rainfall continues to lack, we will see poor crops of peanuts and cotton. Both crops were in the critical fruiting stag and adequate moisture is crucial.

#### Willie Durr, Houston County

# Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/04/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Corn - Mature	57	40	68	55	
Cotton - Squaring	95	92	91	93	
Cotton - Setting Bolls	78	69	76	78	
Hay - 2nd Cutting	90	86	92	NA	
Peanuts - Pegging	97	94	92	86	
Soybeans - Blooming	82	75	85	85	
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	61	52	64	61	

#### Conditions for Week Ending 08/04/19

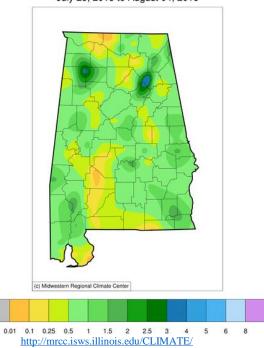
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Cattle	0 2 1 1 0 0	2 7 6 12 1	24 20 32 41 48 14	66 54 52 44 45 72	8 17 9 2 6 13	

#### Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/04/19

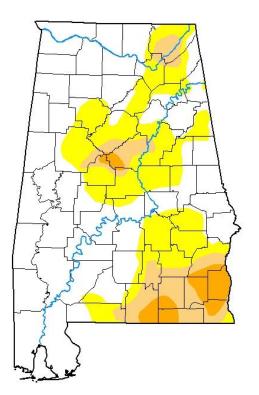
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Topsoil	This week	Previous week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	4	6	
Short	27	27	
Adequate	69	67	
Surplus	0	0	
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	
	(percent)	(percent)	
Very short	3	7	
Short	29	28	
Adequate	68	65	
Surplus	0	0	

# Accumulated Precipitation (in)

July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019

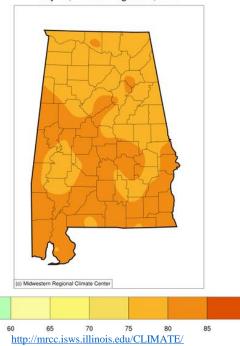


# U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



#### Average Temperature (°F)

July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019



# July 30, 2019 (Released Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.32	38.68	13.41	4.27	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-23-2019	68.21	31.79	11.01	4.27	0.00	0.00
3 Month's Ago 04-30-2019	79.32	20.68	10.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-31-2018	77.27	22.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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