



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

**County Comments**

Hot, dry weather continued. Extreme heat stressed all crops and livestock. Pastures turned brown. We need a break from this heat.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Another hot and dry week welcomed the start of corn harvesting in the county. Pastures showed signs of severe drought stress. Reports of fall armyworms increased for pastures and hayfields that received rain in the past week or so. Farmers continued to irrigate cotton and soybeans.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Rains fell in most areas at a much needed time for this year's crop. Producers applied insect sprays and disease controls. Corn harvest started. Initial irrigated yields seem to be good while some rain-fed fields are being destroyed.

**Brandon Dillard, Bullock County**

The Wiregrass region received spotty showers. Corn harvest began. Cotton and peanuts entered into peak fruiting, so they need to continue to get rainfall. Pastures and hayfields also need rain. Hay cuttings were short in yield and quality because of the dry weather.

**James Jones Jr., Henry County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	67	57	77	66
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	87	78	87	88
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	2	NA	9	4
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	93	90	96	-1
Peanuts - Pegging.....	99	97	96	91
Soybeans - Blooming.....	87	82	91	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	65	61	72	70

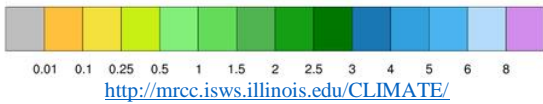
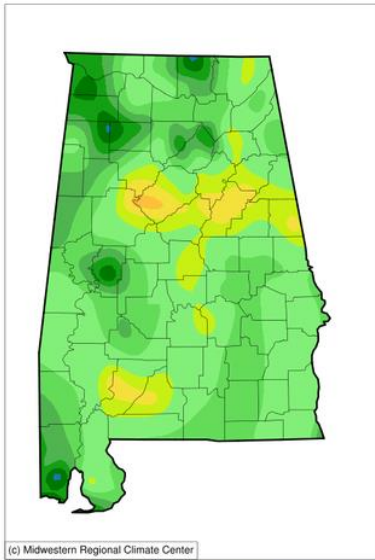
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	24	68	3
Corn.....	3	8	20	51	18
Cotton.....	0	8	34	46	12
Pasture and range .....	1	11	39	44	5
Peanuts .....	0	3	47	45	5
Soybeans .....	0	2	16	68	14

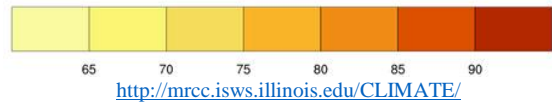
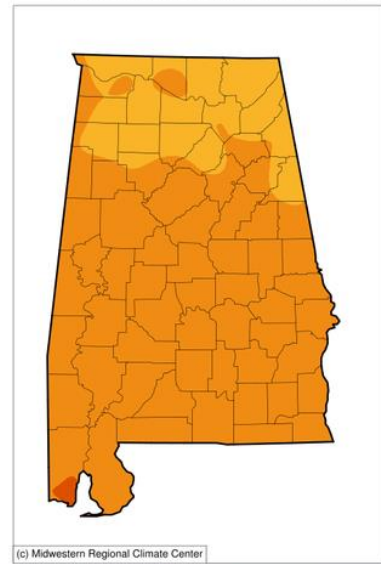
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/11/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	9	4
Short.....	33	27
Adequate .....	58	69
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	8	3
Short.....	34	29
Adequate .....	57	68
Surplus .....	1	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 05, 2019 to August 11, 2019

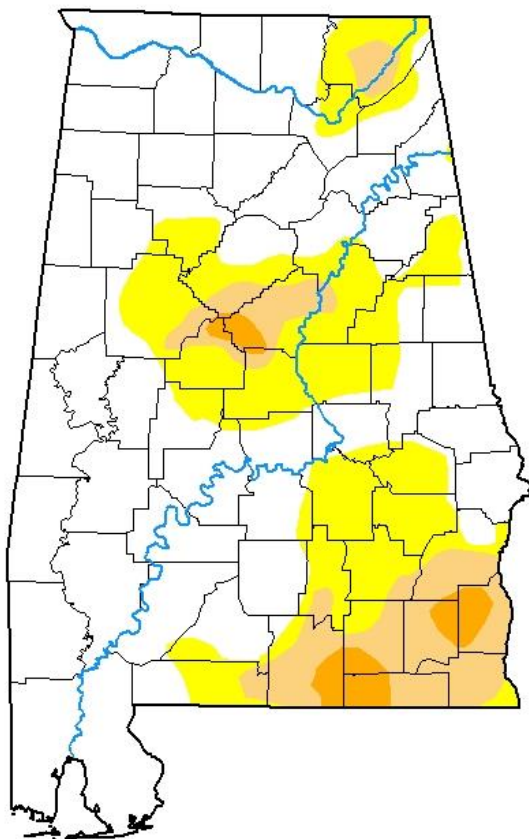


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 05, 2019 to August 11, 2019



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 6, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	66.15	33.85	11.75	2.45	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-30-2019	61.32	38.68	13.41	4.27	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-07-2019	81.33	18.67	10.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-07-2018	91.13	8.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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