



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 25, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts to 5.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

It was another hot and mainly dry week. Some beneficial rains fell on Monday and Tuesday in scattered locations. Crops continued toward maturity. Corn shelling started. First open bolls reported. Supplemental livestock feeding continued in dry areas.

**Shannon Parker, Morgan County**

Rain was scattered with widely varying totals. Pastures that received rain were greening up again. Farmers needed some dry days to begin harvesting corn in earnest. Cotton blooms really put on this week.

**Gina Harris, Jefferson County**

Scattered showers did little to satisfy the need for rain. Irrigation of cotton and soybeans continued. Corn harvest continued with average yields reported for dry land and excellent yields for irrigated land. Cattle were fed hay and other supplements in the driest parts of the county.

**Henry Dorough, Talladega County**

Spotty showers came through the Wiregrass, bringing some much-needed water. The peanut harvest should start in very isolated areas at the end of the week. Cotton defoliation could begin in 10-14 days.

**Brandon Dillard, Crenshaw County**

Scattered rain continued to fall in the Wiregrass as farmers scrambled to stay current on spray programs. Adequate moisture was still needed in most areas. Armyworms forced many cattle producers to spray coastal fields. The corn harvest continued as rainfall permitted.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/25/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	83	73	94	86
Corn - Harvested .....	23	7	25	20
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	97	93	95	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	29	12	27	19
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	14	NA	31	NA
Soybeans - Blooming.....	97	93	95	96
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	87	73	83	87
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	11	2	6	14

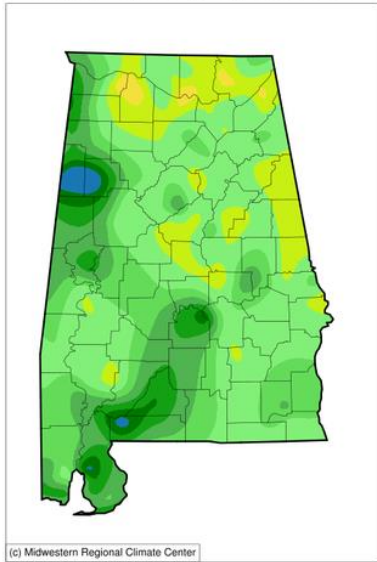
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/25/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	6	24	66	3
Corn .....	7	7	20	44	22
Cotton.....	2	9	30	46	13
Pasture and range .....	2	14	38	39	7
Peanuts .....	0	6	43	44	7
Soybeans .....	2	5	22	55	16

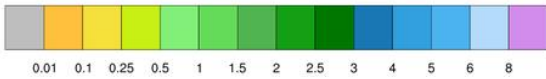
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/25/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	11	9
Short.....	38	39
Adequate .....	50	51
Surplus .....	1	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	9	6
Short.....	41	41
Adequate .....	49	53
Surplus .....	1	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 19, 2019 to August 25, 2019

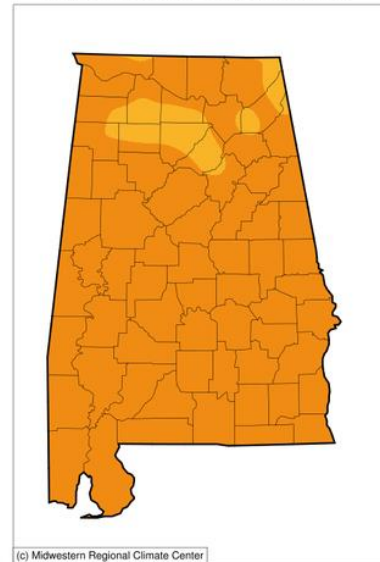


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 19, 2019 to August 25, 2019



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 20, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.47	47.53	12.56	1.90	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-13-2019	61.46	38.54	12.79	2.63	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-21-2019	76.68	23.32	0.00	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> 08-21-2018	91.06	8.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

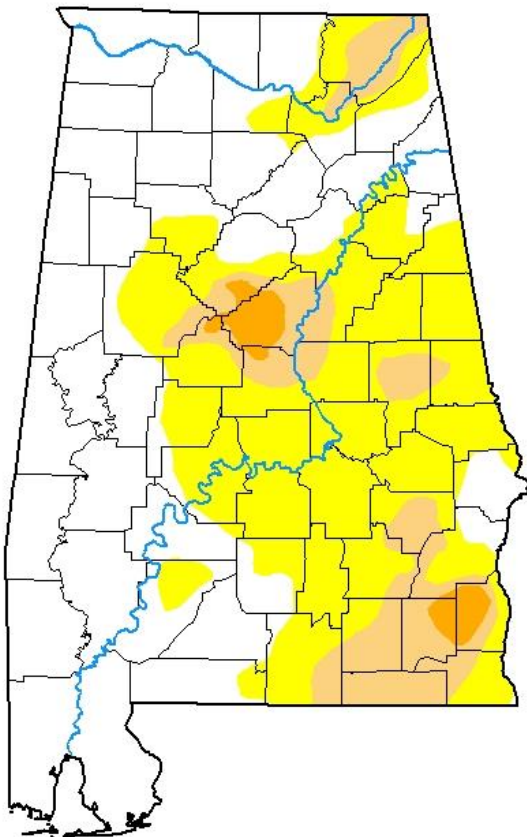
**Intensity:**

- 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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