



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 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 16, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 70s.

Crops

Heavy rains and wet conditions throughout much of the state again this week made it challenging for many producers to prepare for planting of row crops. In some areas, growers have even considered planting soybeans instead of cotton due to field conditions. In parts of the state with less rainfall, good progress was made planting cotton, peanuts, and soybeans.

Most of the previously planted corn has now emerged and is reported to be in good condition. Some corn producers began spraying herbicides and applying fertilizer throughout the week as conditions allowed. Localized flooding reportedly killed off some small corn fields in areas of Central Alabama. Drier conditions throughout parts of South Alabama helped with the condition of corn and aided the emergence of peanuts and cotton.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture growth has been slowed in many areas due to unseasonably cool weather. Wet weather and cooler temperatures have also delayed the harvest of hay throughout portions of the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/16/21

| Crop stage | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Emerged | 89 | 89 | 96 | 92 |
| Cotton - Planted..... | 60 | 27 | 42 | 61 |
| Hay - 1st Cutting..... | 69 | 44 | 58 | 61 |
| Peanuts - Planted | 52 | 28 | 35 | 49 |
| Soybeans - Planted | 31 | 18 | 32 | 37 |
| Soybeans - Emerged | 17 | NA | 8 | 14 |
| Winter wheat - Headed | 97 | 92 | 96 | NA |
| Winter wheat - Harvested .. | 13 | NA | 1 | 6 |

(NA) Not available.

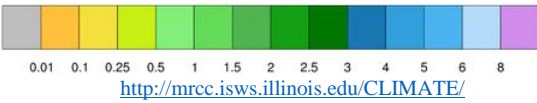
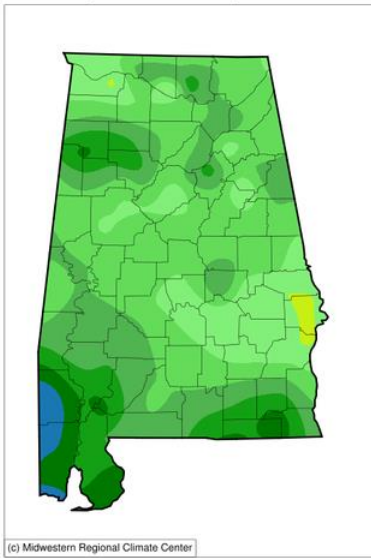
Conditions for Week Ending 05/16/21

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 0 | 2 | 9 | 80 | 9 |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 7 | 90 | 2 |
| Pasture and range | 1 | 2 | 12 | 82 | 3 |
| Winter wheat..... | 0 | 0 | 15 | 75 | 10 |

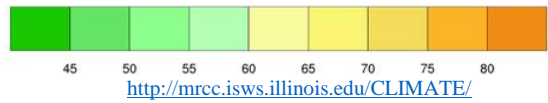
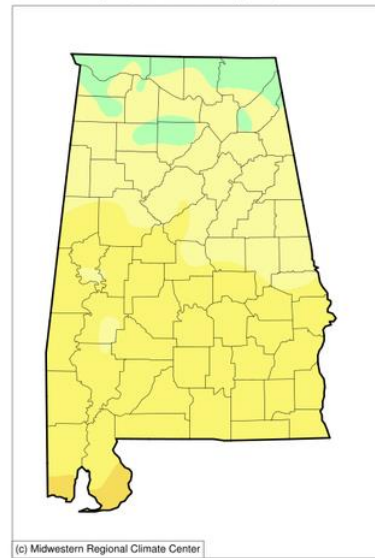
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/16/21

| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short..... | 1 | 0 |
| Short..... | 0 | 2 |
| Adequate | 81 | 85 |
| Surplus | 18 | 13 |
| Subsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
| Very short..... | 1 | 0 |
| Short..... | 2 | 1 |
| Adequate | 88 | 90 |
| Surplus | 9 | 9 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



Average Temperature (°F)
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 11, 2021
(Released Thursday, May. 13, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 05-04-2021 | 98.48 | 1.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 02-09-2021 | 59.47 | 40.53 | 8.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020 | 92.45 | 7.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 09-29-2020 | 98.07 | 1.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 05-12-2020 | 81.89 | 18.11 | 7.60 | 3.28 | 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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