



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 23, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

Warm temperatures and dry conditions allowed for growers throughout the state to plant row crops and harvest hay unabated. Several producers commented that rain will be needed soon. Wheat in the northern part of the state dried out this week and wheat harvesting activities continued.

Poor peanut stands in the southwest Alabama caused farmers to replant some fields. Peanut growers expressed concern that late planted crops may have germination problems. A few cotton growers continued to consider planting soybeans if they cannot get their cotton acreage planted soon. Peach and blueberry harvesting activities were reported.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures began to dry out this week and some producers in southern Alabama may need to feed hay soon. Across most of the state, however, pastures and cattle remained in mostly good condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/23/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Planted .....	77	42	68	76
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	80	58	75	75
Peanuts - Planted.....	70	35	61	66
Soybeans - Planted.....	42	32	45	50
Soybeans - Emerged.....	26	8	24	29
Winter wheat - Harvested...	20	1	8	13

(NA) Not available.

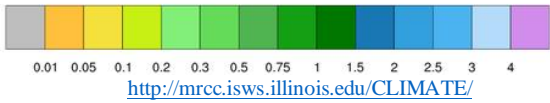
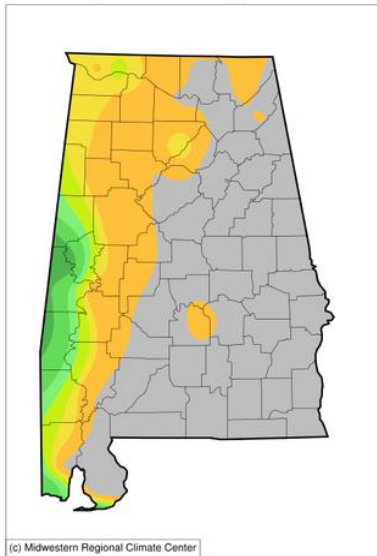
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/23/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	11	75	11
Corn.....	0	1	7	89	3
Pasture and range ....	1	2	13	77	7
Winter wheat .....	0	0	14	76	10

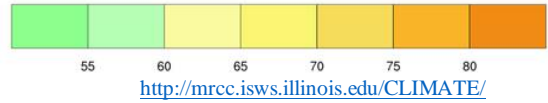
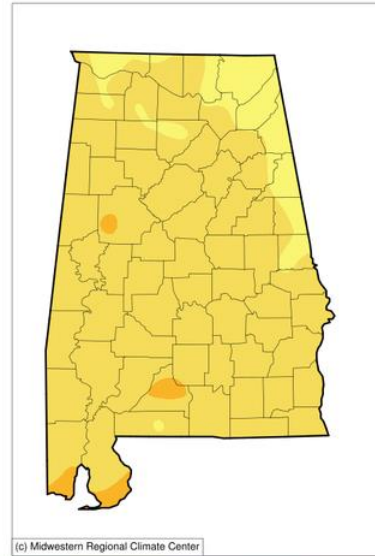
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/23/21**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short .....	2	18
Adequate .....	85	75
Surplus.....	13	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short .....	1	6
Adequate .....	90	87
Surplus.....	9	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**May 18, 2021**

(Released Thursday, May 20, 2021)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-11-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-16-2021	63.45	36.55	5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	92.45	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-19-2020	81.49	18.51	8.50	3.48	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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