



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 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 25, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.6 inches of rain to 5.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Steady rainfall continued, and many farmers throughout the state reported that the consistent rain limited field work. Northern and Central Alabama pastures and soybean fields have been affected by pests, specifically armyworms. Farmers in Southern Alabama needed to apply fungicide to peanut crops but are unable due to consistently wet conditions. Since hayfields were mostly inaccessible, second hay cutting is behind schedule for many farmers. Cotton crops need warmer and dryer conditions to progress. Corn is progressing, but the recent rain has caused erosion in many fields which has washed away important nutrients. Overall, drier conditions are still needed for soybeans, peanuts, cotton and corn crops to progress.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. However, many farmers reported finding armyworms in pasture fields.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/25/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	36	19	37	46
Cotton - Squaring.....	91	75	88	88
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	57	24	42	60
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	84	63	70	77
Peanuts - Pegging	91	60	77	83
Soybeans - Blooming.....	76	60	75	75
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	46	29	38	46

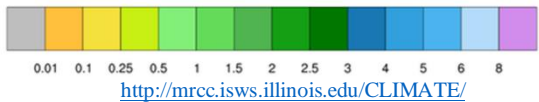
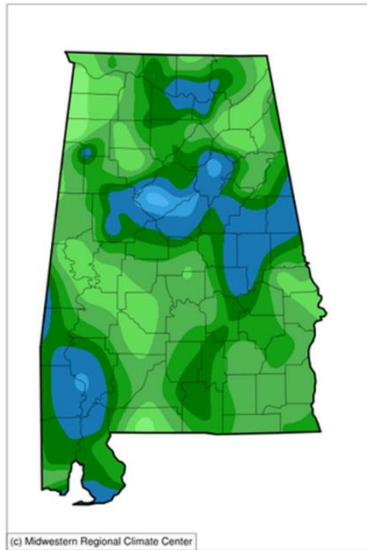
Conditions for Week Ending 07/25/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	7	78	12
Corn.....	0	0	6	63	31
Cotton	0	4	18	62	16
Pasture and range	1	2	6	82	9
Peanuts.....	0	4	17	52	27
Soybeans.....	0	1	10	71	18

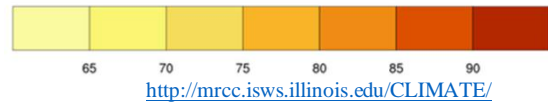
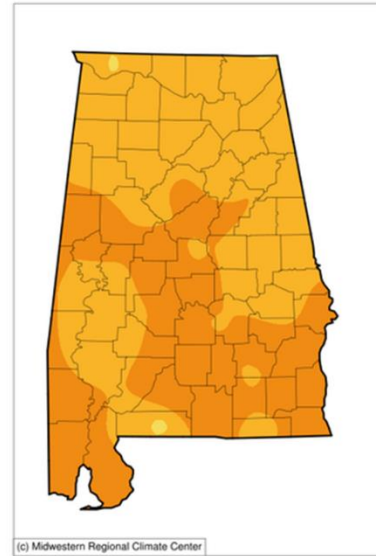
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/25/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	0	1
Adequate	61	71
Surplus.....	39	28
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short	0	0
Adequate	80	81
Surplus.....	20	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 19, 2021 to July 25, 2021



Average Temperature (°F)
July 19, 2021 to July 25, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



July 20, 2021
(Released Thursday, Jul. 22, 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 07-13-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-20-2021	95.58	4.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	92.46	7.54	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 07-21-2020	94.88	5.12	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>.

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