



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.

August 9, 2021

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 8, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

A cooler and dryer week helped continue good overall crop conditions and allowed fieldwork to be done. Corn is maturing and farmers are preparing their equipment for harvest. Once corn stalks dry down corn harvest will begin. Cotton is blooming and setting bolls. Southern Alabama cotton layby herbicide applications are still behind on early cotton due to continued rainfall. Dry weather in some parts of the state allowed second cutting of hay to commence, while other areas still saw enough rain to postpone harvest for another week. Armyworms were still being noted as a major issue in hayfields across the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture remained in good condition throughout the state. Cooler temperatures during the day and night were good for livestock stress. Armyworms continued to be an issue in pastures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	63	46	55	72
Corn - Harvested .....	1	NA	1	3
Cotton - Squaring .....	98	94	97	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	83	66	75	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	3	NA	1	2
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	93	79	86	88
Peanuts - Pegging .....	98	87	92	94
Soybeans - Blooming .....	90	83	91	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	74	56	66	68

NA - Not Applicable

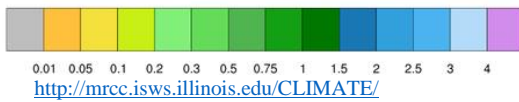
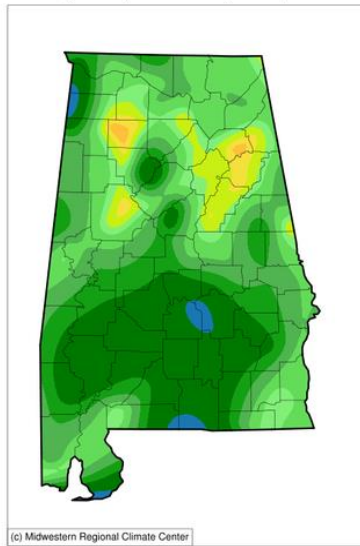
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	8	80	9
Corn .....	0	0	6	49	45
Cotton .....	0	4	19	65	12
Pasture and range ....	1	1	11	79	8
Peanuts .....	0	3	20	60	17
Soybeans .....	0	1	6	79	14

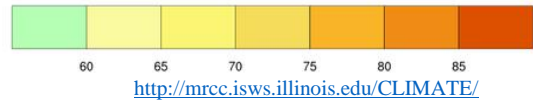
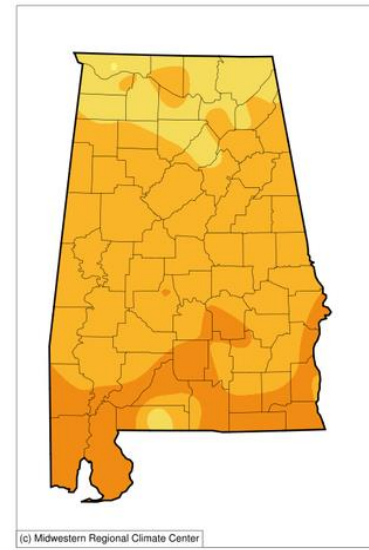
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/08/21**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short .....	2	5
Adequate .....	92	86
Surplus .....	6	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short .....	1	3
Adequate .....	94	90
Surplus .....	5	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 02, 2021 to August 08, 2021

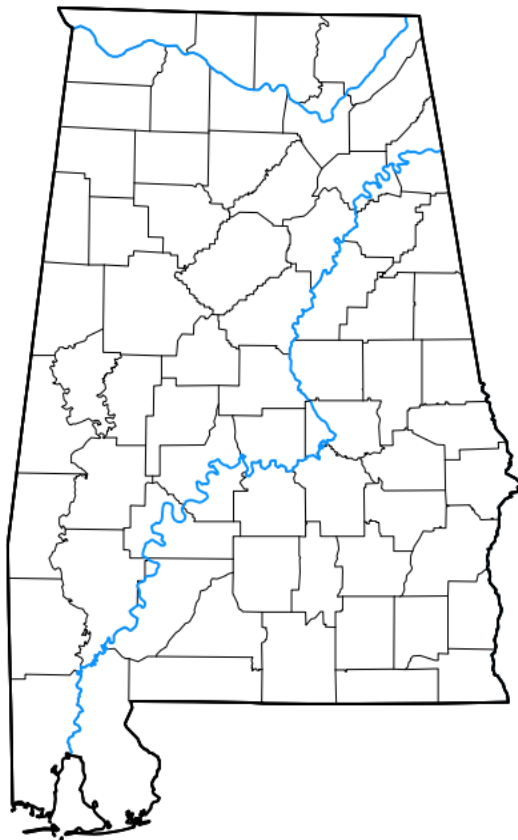


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 02, 2021 to August 08, 2021



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 3, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 5, 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> <i>07-27-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-04-2021</i>	98.48	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-04-2020</i>	79.56	20.44	1.33	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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