



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 16, 2021

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 15, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.07 inches to 4.05 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

Crops

Scattered showers across the state helped continue to maintain good overall crop conditions. The majority of corn has finished maturing and harvest started to pick up speed around the state. Most cotton has finished squaring and setting bolls. Peanuts are now mostly finished pegging. Soybeans were noted to be looking great as blooming neared completion and plants continued to set pods. Scattered showers required farmers to time second hay cuttings this week in order to get them finished. Armyworms were still being noted as a major issue in hayfields across the state. Producers are anxious over expected rainfall and winds that Tropical Storm Fred could have on crops

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Armyworms continued to be an issue in pastures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	76	55	65	81
Corn - Harvested	6	1	6	8
Cotton - Squaring	100	97	98	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls	92	75	84	91
Cotton - Bolls Opening	6	1	3	8
Hay - 2nd Cutting	96	86	91	91
Peanuts - Pegging	99	92	96	97
Soybeans - Blooming	95	91	95	94
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	85	66	79	77

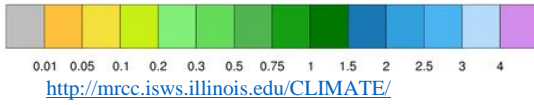
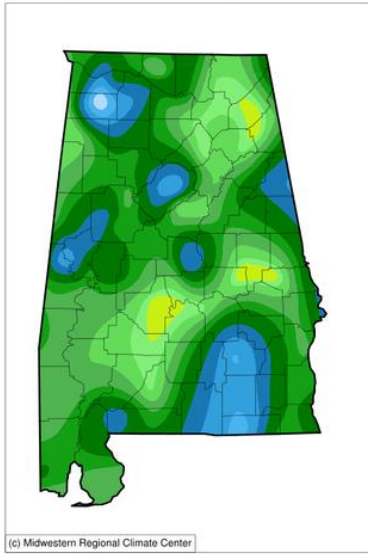
Conditions for Week Ending 08/16/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	2	10	73	13
Corn	0	0	4	46	50
Cotton	0	4	18	61	17
Pasture and range	1	2	10	77	10
Peanuts	0	1	23	52	24
Soybeans	0	0	6	75	19

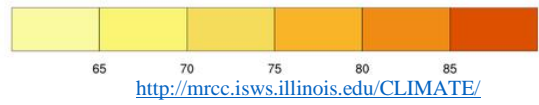
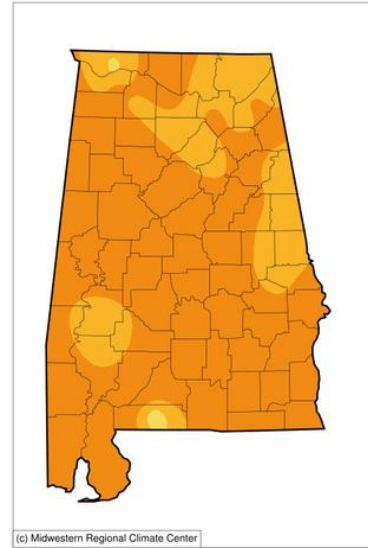
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	5	8
Adequate	86	83
Surplus	8	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	1
Short	3	6
Adequate	90	83
Surplus	6	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 09, 2021 to August 15, 2021

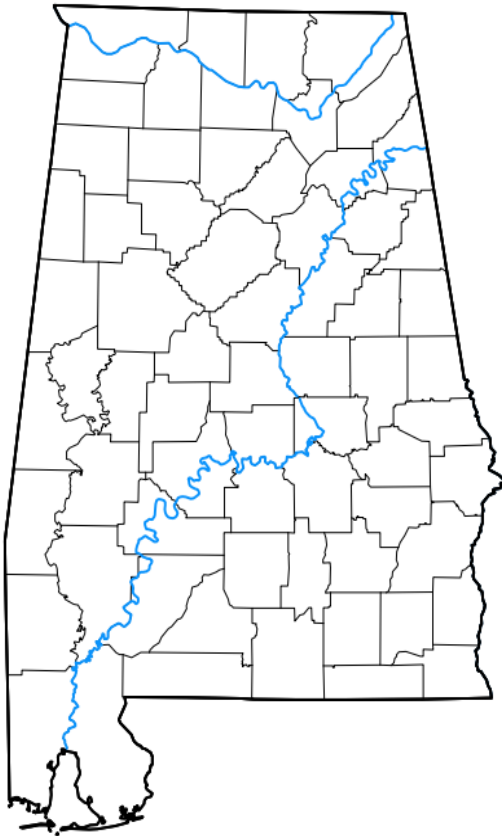


Average Temperature (°F)
August 09, 2021 to August 15, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 10, 2021
(Released Thursday, Aug. 12, 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 <i>08-03-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-11-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.46	7.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-11-2020</i>	80.77	19.23	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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