



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 23, 2021

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 22, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.19 inches to 5.17 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Crop conditions continued to be good as Tropical Storm Fred brought scattered showers across the state. Corn harvest has been delayed in most areas due to the abundance of water. Once fields dry out then corn can start to adequately dry down and harvest will pick up. Weevils and mold were noted in corn fields in southern Alabama where an abundance of rain had been received. Cotton fields are also looking for hot and dry weather in order to open bolls as they have mostly finished squaring and setting bolls. Peanuts have nearly completed pegging and are getting ready to be dug in a couple weeks. Armyworms continued to be noted as an issue in northern Alabama hay fields.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture remained in mostly good condition throughout the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/22/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	84	65	77	89
Corn - Harvested	18	6	10	18
Cotton - Squaring	100	98	99	100
Cotton - Setting Bolls	95	84	95	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening	12	3	6	17
Hay - 2nd Cutting	98	91	93	94
Peanuts - Pegging	100	96	98	99
Soybeans - Blooming	98	95	98	97
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	91	79	84	86
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	5	NA	2	7

NA – Not Available

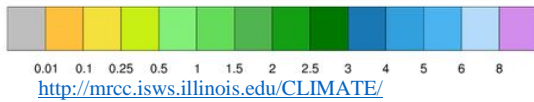
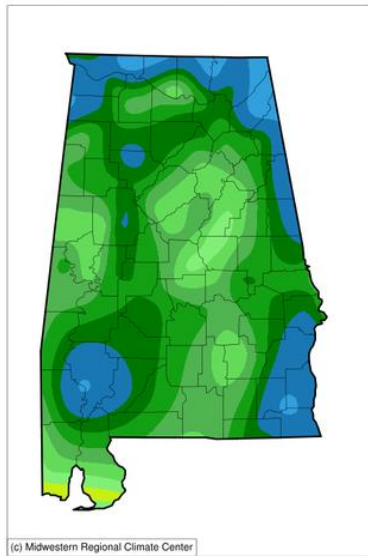
Conditions for Week Ending 08/22/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	1	12	79	8
Corn	0	0	4	45	51
Cotton	0	6	22	64	8
Pasture and range	1	2	10	80	7
Peanuts	0	1	30	59	10
Soybeans	0	0	6	76	18

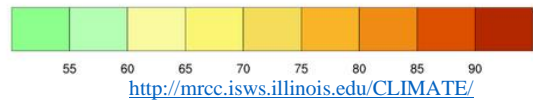
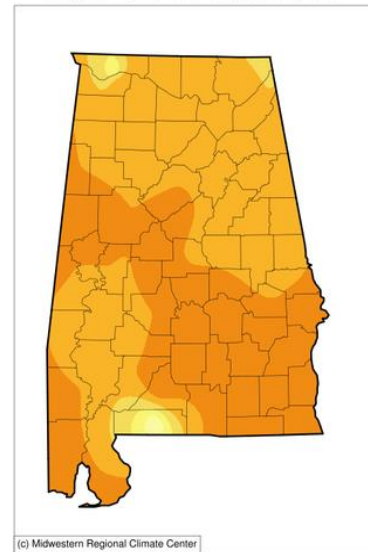
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/22/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	2
Short	8	9
Adequate	83	80
Surplus	8	9
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	2
Short	6	8
Adequate	83	84
Surplus	10	6

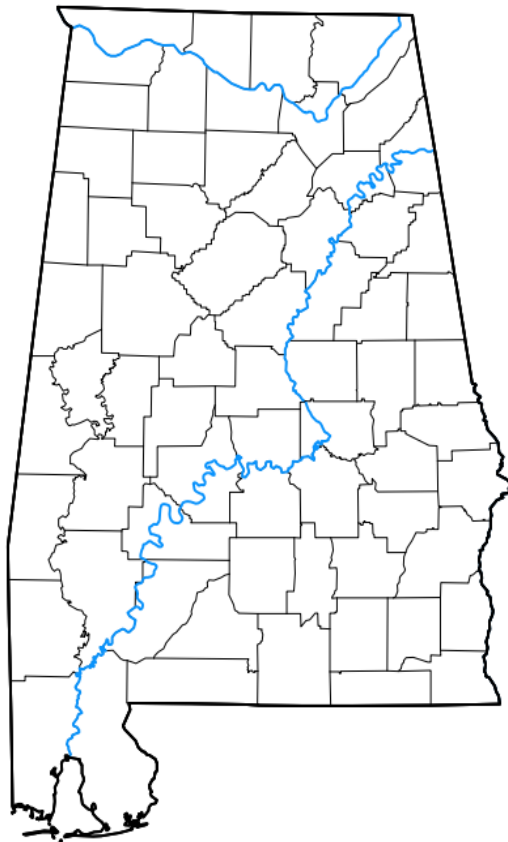
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021



Average Temperature (°F)
August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 17, 2021
(Released Thursday, Aug. 19, 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 08-10-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-18-2021	100.00	0.00	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 08-18-2020	85.40	14.60	0.93	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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