



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 30, 2021

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 29, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.08 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

A relatively dry week allowed for the most days suitable for fieldwork over the past month. Peanuts and cotton benefitted from the warm, dry conditions. Dry weather also allowed corn harvest to gain ground in most areas of the state. Soybeans were treated with fungicides for disease pressure as they continued setting pods and began dropping leaves. Armyworms were noted as being an issue in early planted soybeans. The weather allowed for second cuttings of hay to near completion, while some producers started their third cutting. Armyworms continued to be a major issue in hayfields across the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

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

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/29/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature .....	88	77	88	94
Corn - Harvested .....	26	10	18	32
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	97	95	96	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	17	6	10	28
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	100	93	95	96
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	27	NA	5	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	94	84	87	92
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	11	2	7	17

NA - Not Available

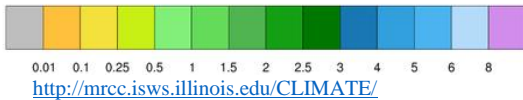
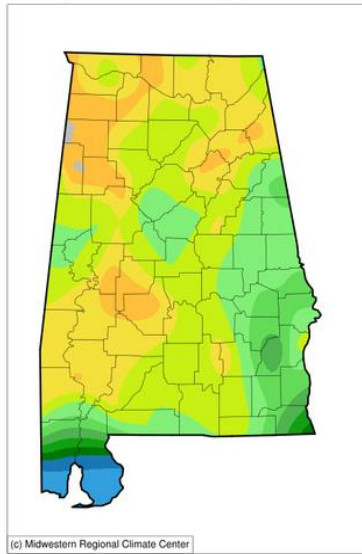
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/29/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	2	8	80	9
Corn .....	0	0	5	44	51
Cotton .....	0	3	16	68	13
Pasture and range ....	1	2	10	79	8
Peanuts .....	0	0	21	63	16
Soybeans .....	0	0	6	69	25

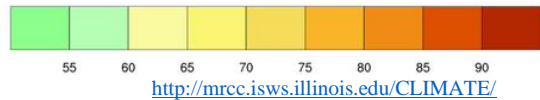
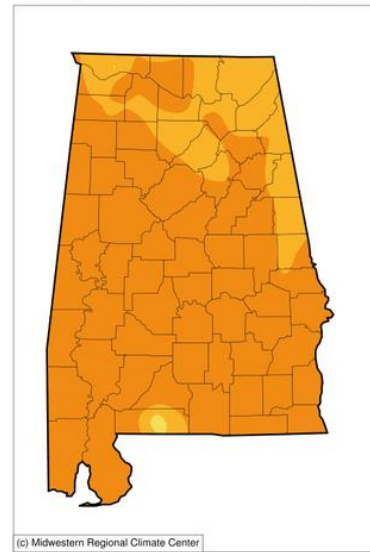
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/29/21**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short .....	9	4
Adequate .....	80	88
Surplus .....	9	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short .....	8	2
Adequate .....	84	89
Surplus .....	6	9

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021

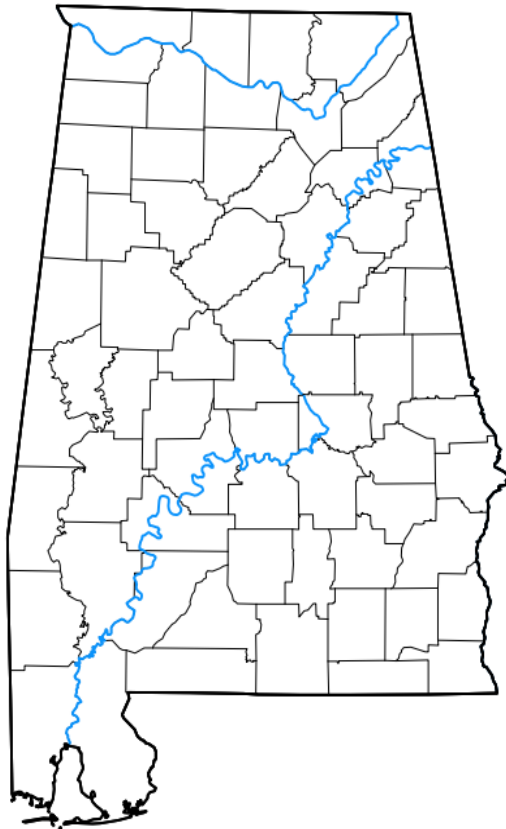


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 24, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 26, 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>08-17-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-25-2021</i>	98.88	1.12	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>08-25-2020</i>	95.02	4.98	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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