



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 1.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Warm temperatures and dry conditions continued across the state. Western Alabama saw scattered showers through the week which helped replenish soil moisture levels. Ideal weather conditions allowed for good progress to be made with field work. Corn fields continued to be planted as emergence ran slightly behind previous years. Cotton, peanut, and soybean fields continued to be planted. Many fields were cut for hay with little to no rain during the week. Haying was noted to be behind schedule in southern Alabama. Wheat fields progressed nicely as they continued heading and began drying out. Strawberry harvest continued in full swing and production was reported to be up this year.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture were in mostly good condition throughout the state. Some hay is still being fed to cattle. Cattle farmers in some areas plan to limit fertilizer applications due to increased costs of chemicals and nutrients.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	95	79	87	93
Corn - Emerged	87	60	76	82
Cotton - Planted.....	26	12	26	35
Hay - First Cutting.....	42	18	41	43
Peanuts - Planted.....	26	6	22	29
Soybeans - Planted.....	16	2	12	17
Winter Wheat - Headed	90	75	91	93

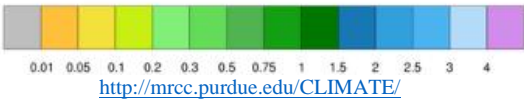
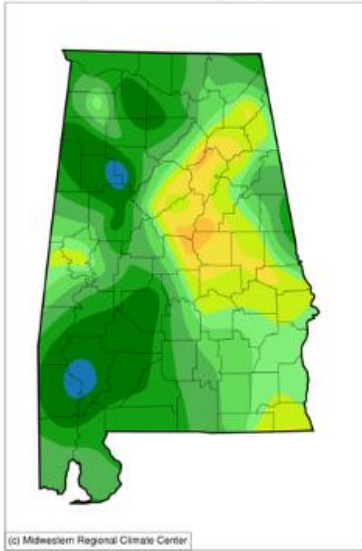
Conditions for Week Ending 05/08/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	10	83	5
Corn.....	0	1	8	90	1
Pasture and Range...	1	3	12	77	7
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	1	73	26

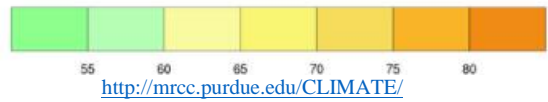
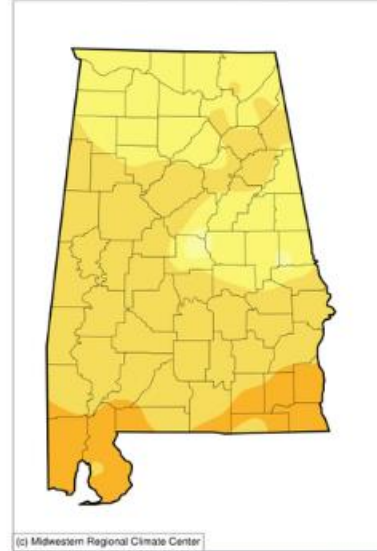
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	4	6
Adequate	88	80
Surplus	8	14
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	1
Short.....	3	4
Adequate	89	81
Surplus	8	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022

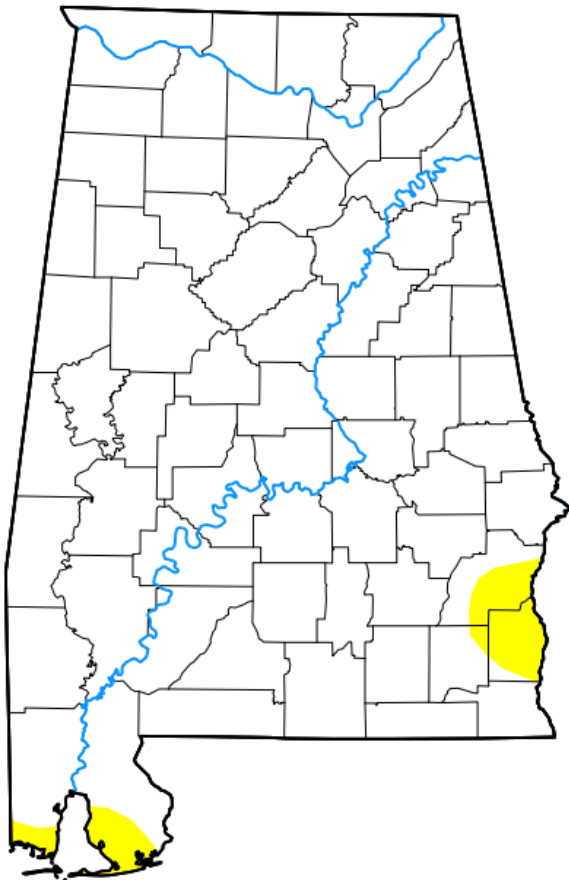


Average Temperature (°F)
May 02, 2022 to May 08, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 3, 2022
(Released Thursday, May 5, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.02	2.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-26-2022	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-01-2022	82.74	17.26	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-04-2021	98.48	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D2 Severe Drought
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D1 Moderate 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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