



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Warm temperatures and dry conditions continued across the state. Soil moisture conditions shifted from adequate to short in many areas. Most corn fields were finished planting and nearing complete emergence. Pivots were used where available to keep corn irrigated. Cotton, peanut, and soybean fields continued to be planted, although soil moisture was a limiting factor in many areas. Many fields were cut for hay with little to no rain during the week. First hay cutting yields were reported to be relatively light for central Alabama. Wheat fields were mostly finished heading and began drying out for harvest. Concerns over higher input costs including diesel and chemicals have many reevaluating their management practices this season.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture were in mostly good condition throughout the state. Pastures were beginning to dry out and show signs of stress.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	98	87	96	97
Corn - Emerged	95	76	86	90
Cotton - Planted.....	40	26	54	55
Hay - First Cutting.....	56	41	63	59
Peanuts - Planted.....	34	22	48	46
Soybeans - Planted.....	30	12	35	34
Soybeans - Emerged.....	7	0	10	11
Winter Wheat - Headed	95	91	97	96
Winter Wheat - Harvested.....	1	NA	4	4

(NA) Not available

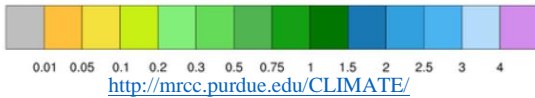
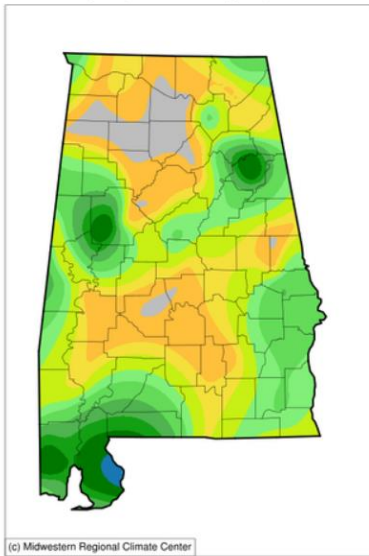
Conditions for Week Ending 05/15/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	18	74	5
Corn.....	0	1	6	90	3
Pasture and Range...	1	5	21	69	4
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	4	66	29

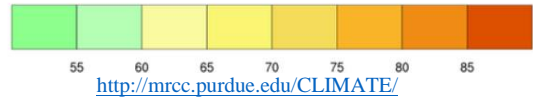
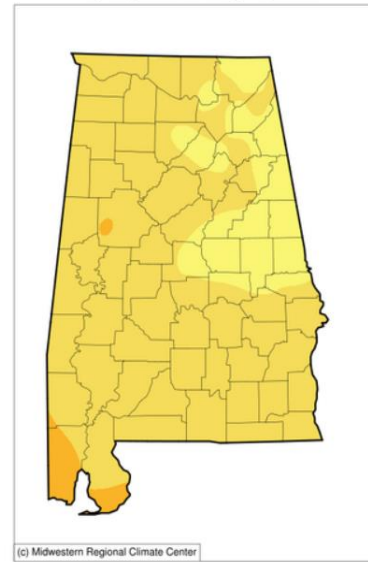
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	4
Short.....	6	35
Adequate	80	60
Surplus	14	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	4
Short.....	4	25
Adequate	81	57
Surplus	14	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 09, 2022 to May 15, 2022

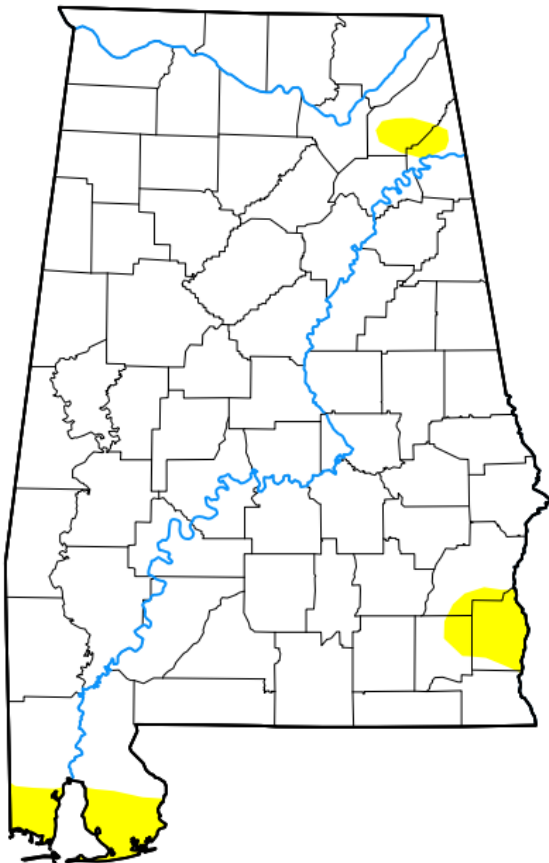


Average Temperature (°F)
May 09, 2022 to May 15, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 10, 2022
(Released Thursday, May 12, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	96.05	3.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-03-2022</i>	97.02	2.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-08-2022</i>	87.94	12.06	2.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-11-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	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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