



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.

May 31, 2022

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 29, 2022. Precipitation ranged from 1.4 to 8.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Most Alabama counties received much needed rainfall over the week after a dry May. This allowed all crop conditions to greatly improve over the previous week. Some areas were reported to still be short on soil moisture.

Corn fields began tasseling and silking across the state. The corn crop was reported to look stressed prior to the rain. Cotton, peanut, and soybean fields continued to be planted. Some cotton and peanut plantings were delayed due to wet soil conditions. Hay field conditions greatly improved after last week's rain. Wheat fields finished drying down and harvest was anticipated to ramp up this week in those fields. Strawberries were reported to have received too much rain and many berries fell.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle continued to be in good condition throughout the state. Pasture conditions greened up with the rain and improved.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/29/22

| Crop stage | Prev year (percent) | Prev week (percent) | This week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Silking..... | 1 | NA | 3 | 3 |
| Cotton – Planted..... | 86 | 74 | 85 | 86 |
| Cotton – Squaring..... | 0 | NA | 1 | 0 |
| Hay – First Cutting..... | 86 | 78 | 90 | 85 |
| Peanuts – Planted..... | 81 | 61 | 77 | 79 |
| Soybeans – Planted..... | 59 | 48 | 65 | 58 |
| Soybeans – Emerged..... | 42 | 24 | 46 | 40 |
| Winter Wheat – Harvested. | 21 | 10 | 18 | 21 |

(NA) Not available.

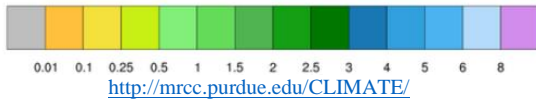
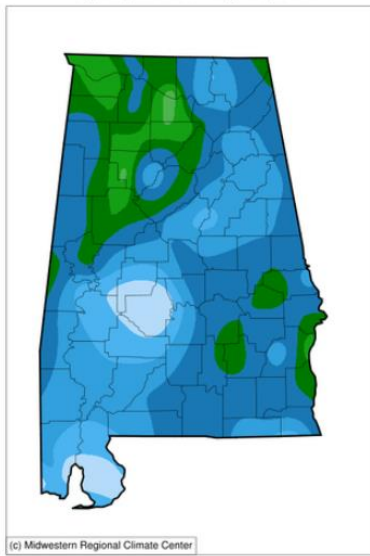
Conditions for Week Ending 05/29/22

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle..... | 0 | 1 | 11 | 83 | 5 |
| Corn..... | 0 | 1 | 9 | 88 | 2 |
| Cotton..... | 0 | 1 | 9 | 86 | 4 |
| Pasture and Range... | 1 | 4 | 28 | 64 | 3 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 0 | 7 | 92 | 1 |
| Winter Wheat..... | 0 | 0 | 6 | 80 | 14 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/29/22

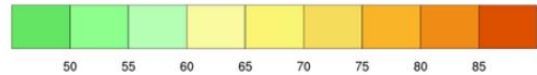
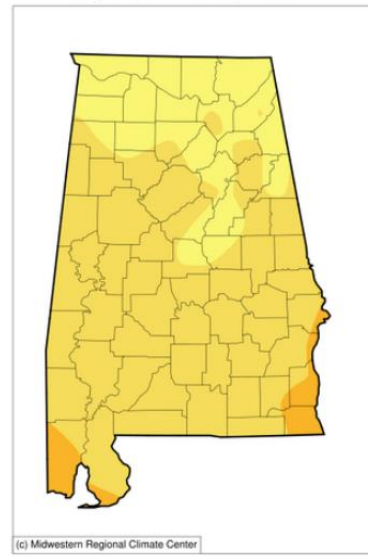
| Topsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Very short..... | 9 | 0 |
| Short..... | 52 | 10 |
| Adequate..... | 38 | 72 |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 18 |
| Subsoil | Previous week (percent) | This week (percent) |
| Very short..... | 7 | 0 |
| Short..... | 34 | 11 |
| Adequate..... | 58 | 72 |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 17 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 23, 2022 to May 29, 2022



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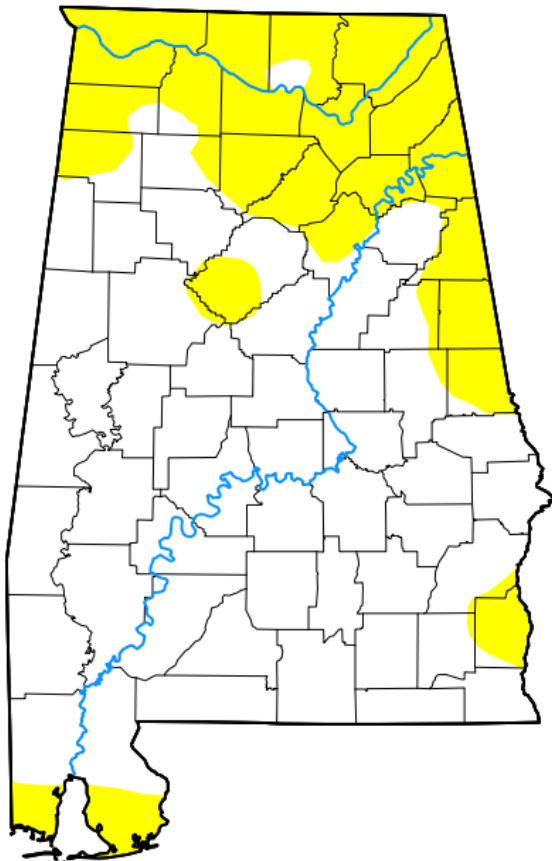
Average Temperature (°F)
May 23, 2022 to May 29, 2022



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 24, 2022
(Released Thursday, May. 26, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 71.94 | 28.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 05-17-2022 | 69.06 | 30.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 02-22-2022 | 75.48 | 24.52 | 3.32 | 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 05-25-2021 | 98.88 | 1.12 | 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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