



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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 19, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.3 inches to 8.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Most of the state received moderate rainfall throughout the week, although the southern half of the state experienced much heavier rainfall and strong winds. The rain received throughout the week helped alleviate drought conditions but limited the time many producers were able to spend in the fields. There was no notable damage reported and crops were in mostly good condition. Planting of corn was reported to be nearly complete and in mostly good condition. Winter wheat was mostly headed, and harvest continued to progress throughout the week. Planting of cotton, peanuts and soybeans continued throughout the week as the weather allowed. Harvest of hay continued to be hampered by intermittent storms. Strawberry harvest was reported to be winding down in many areas.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and have improved due to the rainfall and warmer temperatures. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/19/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	NA	90	96	NA
Corn - Emerged.....	89	76	85	93
Cotton - Planted	62	42	54	64
Hay - 1st Cutting	45	45	56	64
Peanuts - Planted.....	49	30	47	54
Soybeans - Planted.....	41	36	50	38
Soybeans - Emerged	15	7	22	16
Winter wheat - Headed.....	95	89	93	97
Winter wheat - Harvested...	5	2	6	9

(NA) Not available.

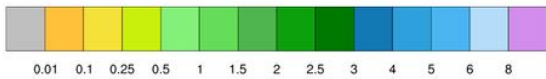
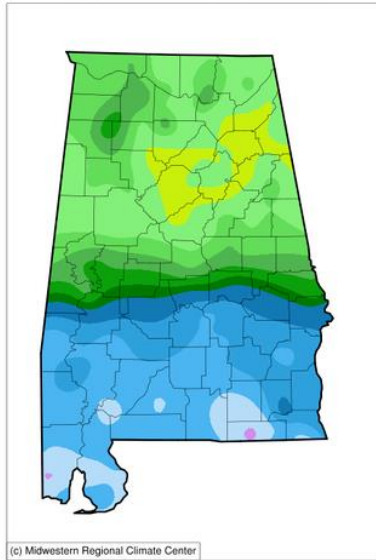
Conditions for Week Ending 05/19/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	10	81	7
Corn	1	2	11	74	12
Pasture and range	0	2	16	73	9
Winter wheat	0	1	26	59	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/19/24

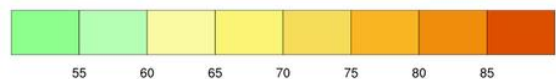
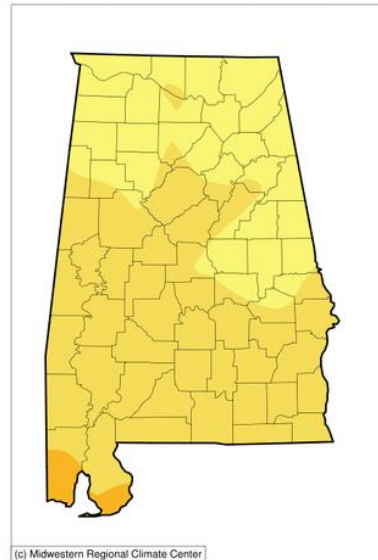
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	1
Short	15	5
Adequate	77	63
Surplus.....	6	31
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	0
Short	14	9
Adequate	77	72
Surplus.....	7	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024



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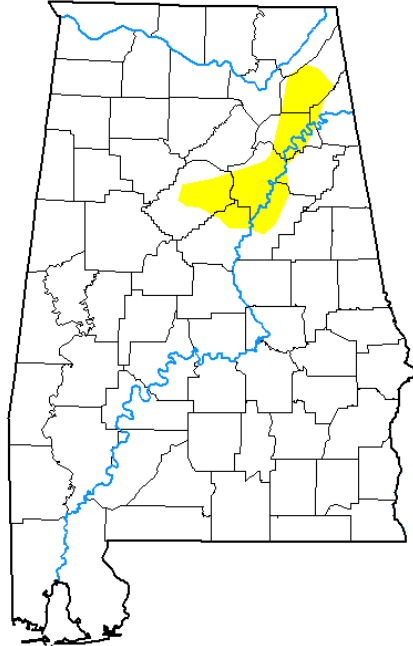
Average Temperature (°F)
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 14, 2024
(Released Thursday, May 16, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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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