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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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 23, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Hot, dry weather was experienced for most of the week while lower Alabama received light, localized rainfall. Drought conditions continued to deteriorate for the state. Corn silking continued throughout the week with some reported wilting from heat stress. Cotton planted neared completion and began to set bolls. There have been sightings of tarnished plant bug on cotton; however, producers have been on top of that issue. The hot, dry, weather has been good for winding down the first hay harvest, but delayed growth and harvest of the second hay cutting. Peanuts planted were wrapping up while peanuts pegging progressed throughout the week. In Lauderdale County, recently planted soybeans and later planted corn needed moisture. Many producers reported signs of heat stress in soybean fields. Winter wheat harvest made good progress throughout the week and was complete in some counties.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range were in mostly good to fair condition. Some cattle producers were concerned about heat stress due to the hot, dry temperatures throughout the week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 06/23/24

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Silking..... | 48 | 42 | 61 | 56 |
| Cotton - Planted | 99 | 96 | 98 | 99 |
| Cotton - Squaring..... | 40 | 30 | 40 | 36 |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Hay - 1st Cutting | NA | 91 | 93 | NA |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting..... | 17 | 6 | 19 | 28 |
| Peanuts - Planted..... | 98 | 94 | 98 | 98 |
| Peanuts - Pegging | 11 | 11 | 30 | 20 |
| Soybeans - Planted..... | 93 | 88 | 92 | 88 |
| Soybeans - Emerged..... | 88 | 69 | 77 | 75 |
| Soybeans - Blooming..... | 18 | 4 | 14 | 15 |
| Winter wheat - Harvested... | 87 | 56 | 69 | 84 |

(NA) Not available.

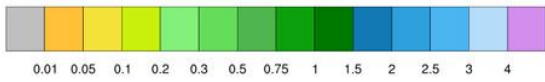
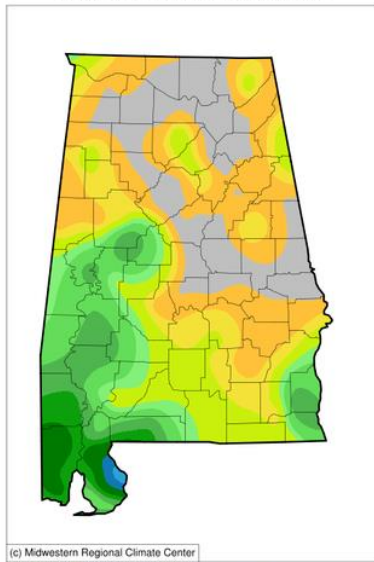
Conditions for Week Ending 06/23/24

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle..... | 0 | 1 | 15 | 78 | 6 |
| Corn | 1 | 6 | 28 | 57 | 8 |
| Cotton | 0 | 3 | 28 | 67 | 2 |
| Pasture and range | 1 | 8 | 29 | 55 | 7 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 2 | 27 | 69 | 2 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 2 | 23 | 73 | 1 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 06/23/24

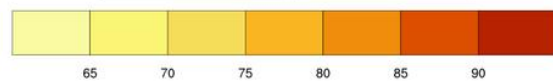
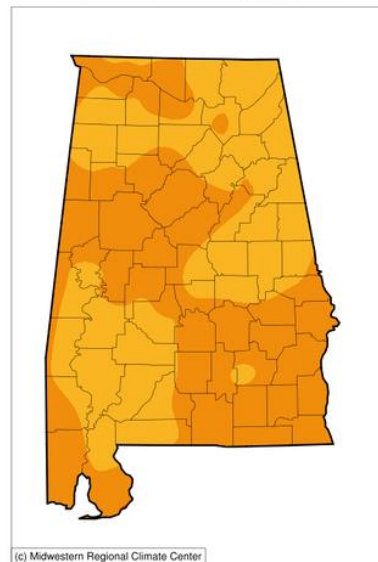
| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 1 | 11 |
| Short | 25 | 38 |
| Adequate | 63 | 50 |
| Surplus..... | 11 | 1 |
| Subsoil | Previous week | This week |
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 1 | 10 |
| Short | 25 | 35 |
| Adequate | 65 | 54 |
| Surplus..... | 9 | 1 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
June 17, 2024 to June 23, 2024



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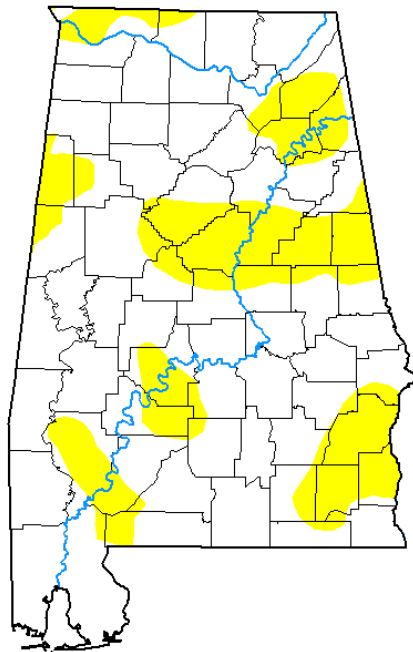
Average Temperature (°F)
June 17, 2024 to June 23, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

June 18, 2024
(Released Thursday, Jun. 20, 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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