



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 14, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced hot temperatures with localized rainfall. Although most of the state received light rain, it was not nearly enough in many areas, as drought conditions continued to worsen with counties in Northern Alabama experiencing severe drought. Drought conditions negatively impacted crops, specifically corn, cotton, soybeans, hay, and pastures. Corn silking continued and began to mature. There were reports of significant damage to corn due to the hot, dry conditions. Cotton squaring and cotton setting bolls continued throughout the week. Producers expect cotton and late soybeans to improve with rain. Soybeans emerged was nearly complete, while soybeans blooming and setting pods continued to progress. Hay second cutting was over halfway completed.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range were in mostly good to fair condition. Producers continued feeding hay due to dry, hot weather affecting pastures and grazing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/14/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Silking.....	92	88	92	96
Corn - Mature.....	NA	NA	13	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	84	73	84	79
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	32	27	45	31
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	54	41	57	67
Peanuts - Pegging.....	55	58	72	67
Soybeans - Emerged.....	NA	91	95	NA
Soybeans - Blooming.....	59	51	60	54
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	26	8	27	18

(NA) Not available.

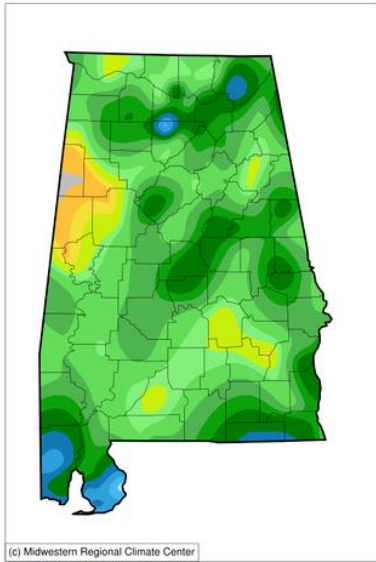
Conditions for Week Ending 07/14/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	3	21	69	5
Corn.....	6	29	35	29	1
Cotton.....	0	5	38	54	3
Pasture and range....	2	12	42	43	1
Peanuts.....	0	1	22	73	4
Soybeans.....	1	7	48	43	1

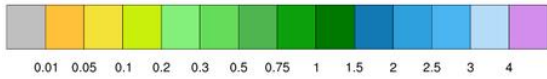
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/14/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	12	14
Short.....	43	48
Adequate.....	44	37
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	12	14
Short.....	38	42
Adequate.....	48	43
Surplus.....	2	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 08, 2024 to July 14, 2024

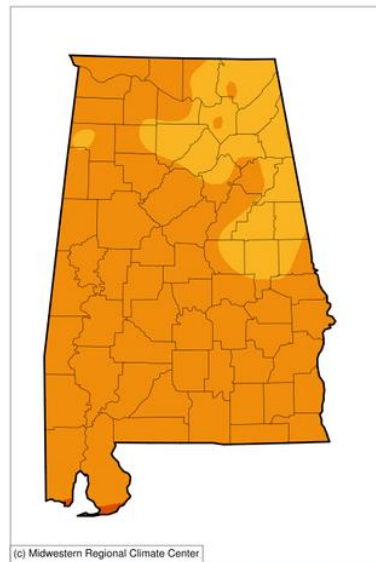


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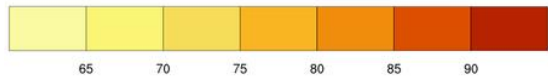


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Average Temperature (°F)
July 08, 2024 to July 14, 2024



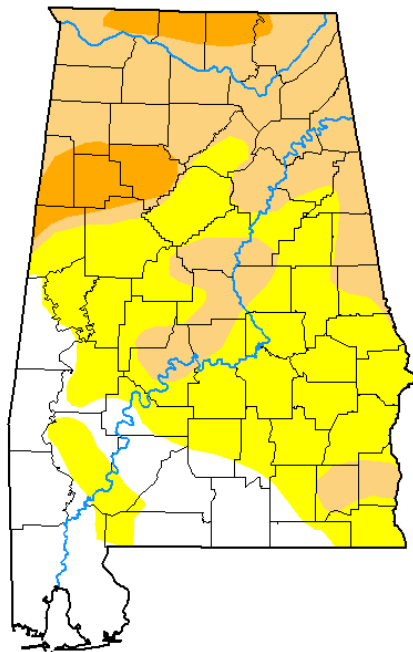
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U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

July 9, 2024
(Released Thursday, Jul. 11, 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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