



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 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.5 inches to 5.7 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced much-needed light to moderate rainfall throughout the week. The steady rainfall interrupted field operations. Cotton, soybeans, and hay fields began to show good improvement with the rain received. Corn harvest began last week in some areas of the state. Many producers continued to report that the corn crop was too far along for rainfall to help at this point and believe corn yields will be negatively impacted. Cotton benefitted greatly from the recent precipitation and continued squaring and setting bolls. Peanuts received adequate precipitation and continued progressing well. Soybeans blooming and setting pods continued to progress. Hay second cutting continued when producers could get in the fields. Some hay producers reported armyworm damage. Disease pressure increased with the amount of rain and humidity throughout the week.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range were in mostly good to fair condition. Pastures benefited greatly from rainfall throughout the week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/28/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	37	30	43	42
Corn - Harvested.....	NA	NA	1	NA
Cotton - Squaring.....	94	88	92	92
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	68	54	66	65
Hay - 2nd Cutting	79	62	68	83
Peanuts - Pegging	84	78	85	87
Soybeans - Blooming.....	81	67	75	78
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	57	33	39	52

(NA) Not available.

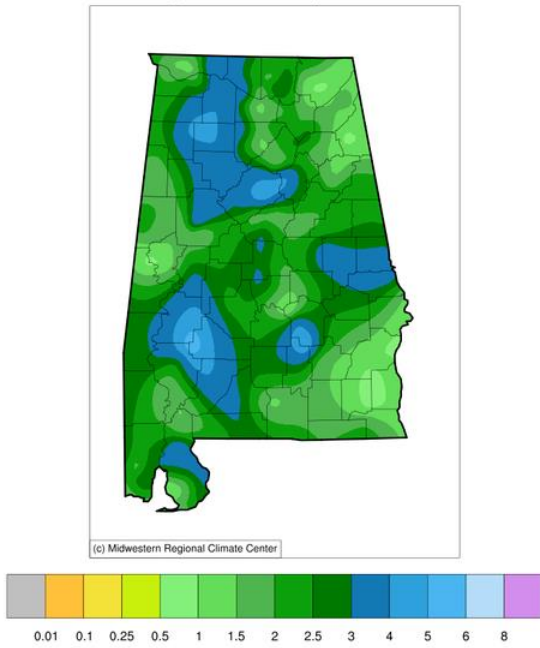
Conditions for Week Ending 07/28/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	27	65	5
Corn	7	27	39	26	1
Cotton	1	5	36	56	2
Pasture and range	1	11	38	48	2
Peanuts.....	0	1	15	79	5
Soybeans.....	3	6	40	49	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/28/24

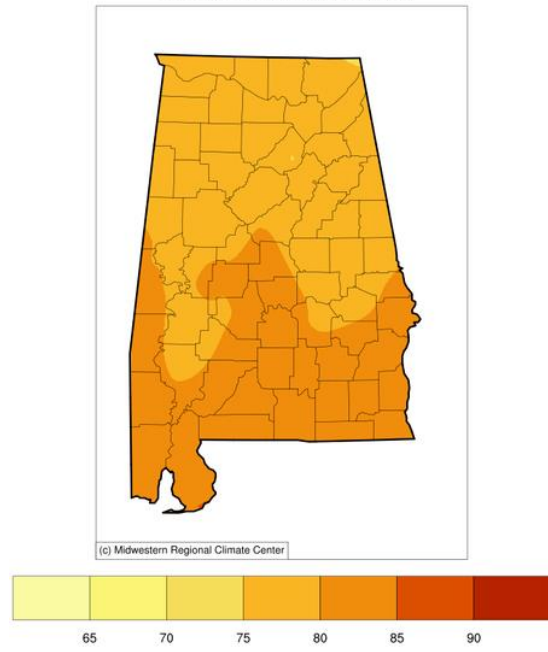
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	11	1
Short	39	22
Adequate	47	69
Surplus.....	3	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	7	1
Short	42	31
Adequate	48	60
Surplus.....	3	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024



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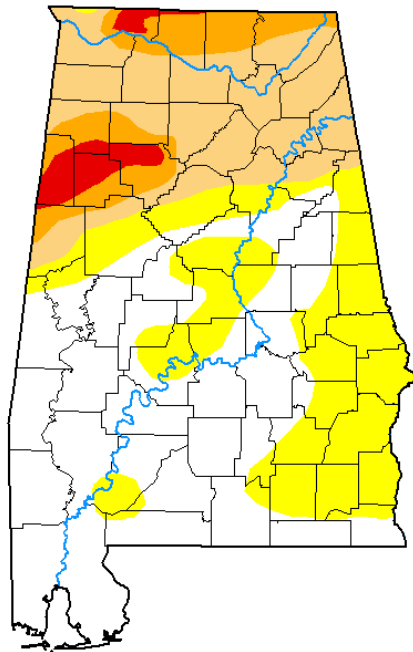
Average Temperature (°F)
July 22, 2024 to July 28, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 23, 2024
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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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