



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 11, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.75 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 low 80s.

Crops

Many parts of the state did not receive any rainfall throughout the week leaving many to comment that rain was badly needed. Producers used the dryer weather to work in the fields, with multiple reports of ongoing hay harvesting and field crops spraying. Some producers reported row crops showing signs of wilt. Corn maturing and harvest continued. Cotton squaring was nearly complete, and bolls continued to open slightly ahead of the five-year average. Peanuts were in mostly good condition and nearly done pegging. Armyworm pressure was reported throughout much of the state. Soybeans blooming and setting pods continued to progress.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and range were in mostly good to fair condition. Ongoing heat and dry conditions were problematic for cattle producers with some commenting that there may be a need to feed hay before the end of grazing season. Producers reported armyworm pressure in pastures and hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 8/11/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	74	64	77	70
Corn - Harvested	6	4	8	4
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	96	98	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls	87	72	77	86
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	4	1	6	3
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	91	75	84	93
Peanuts - Pegging.....	97	90	93	96
Soybeans - Blooming.....	93	81	85	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	79	55	65	73

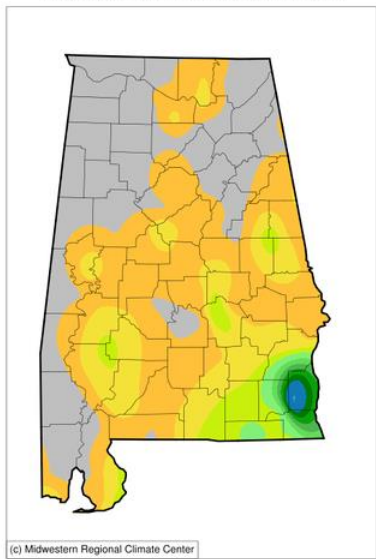
Conditions for Week Ending 8/11/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	25	69	3
Corn.....	11	26	34	27	2
Cotton.....	1	9	28	59	3
Pasture and range	1	9	41	47	2
Peanuts.....	1	1	9	74	15
Soybeans.....	1	8	36	53	2

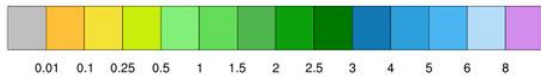
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 8/11/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	3
Short.....	19	33
Adequate.....	78	62
Surplus.....	2	2
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	9
Short.....	25	26
Adequate.....	71	63
Surplus.....	2	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024

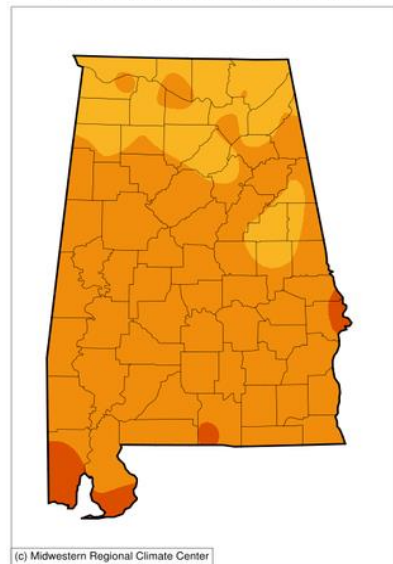


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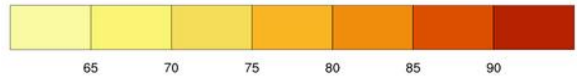


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Average Temperature (°F)
August 05, 2024 to August 11, 2024

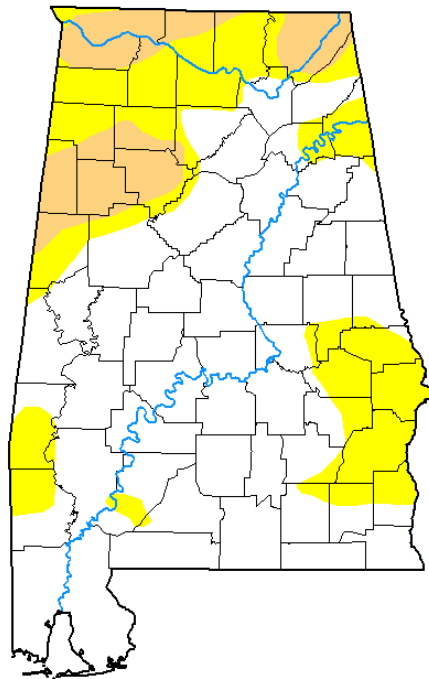


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



August 6, 2024

(Released Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.26	33.74	10.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-30-2024	56.57	43.43	12.26	2.76	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-07-2024	90.73	9.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	0.90	99.10	78.97	44.62	12.61	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	21.58	78.42	30.60	16.04	2.30	0.00
One Year Ago 08-08-2023	92.74	7.26	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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