



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 24, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain in some areas to 4.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

Crops

Planting of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans slowed down last week due to a lack of rain. Rain showers were spotty throughout the state and moisture was needed to wrap up planting and support emerging crops. However, heavy rain in some isolated areas saturated bottomland fields and prevented planting. Hay cutting progress accelerated as a result of the dry weather.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures conditions declined from the previous week but remained in mostly fair to good condition. Cattle were in mostly good condition and being fed from the first hay cuttings.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Emerged	98	90	95	97
Cotton - Planted.....	83	63	79	74
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	78	71	82	77
Peanuts - Planted	78	55	72	66
Soybeans - Planted	46	33	44	52
Soybeans - Emerged	26	19	27	31
Winter wheat - Harvested	20	15	21	13

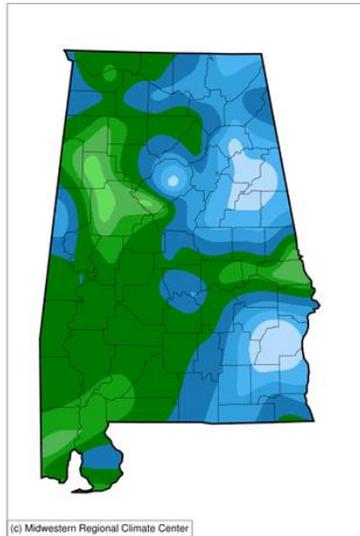
Conditions for Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	32	58	7
Corn	0	3	14	82	1
Cotton.....	0	0	22	75	3
Pasture and range ..	1	12	30	50	7
Peanuts	0	0	20	80	0
Winter wheat.....	0	2	24	66	8

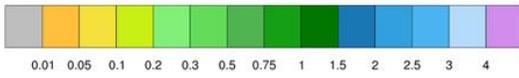
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/24/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	3
Short.....	24	15
Adequate	64	73
Surplus	6	9
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	3
Short.....	16	14
Adequate	76	78
Surplus	3	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020

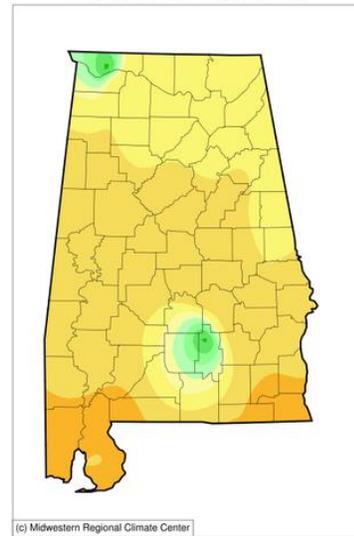


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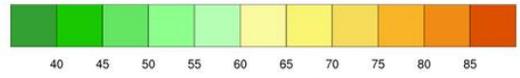


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Average Temperature (°F)
May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

May 19, 2020

(Released Thursday, May 21, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	81.49	18.51	8.50	3.48	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-12-2020	81.89	18.11	7.60	3.28	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-18-2020	99.49	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago 05-21-2019	76.68	23.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

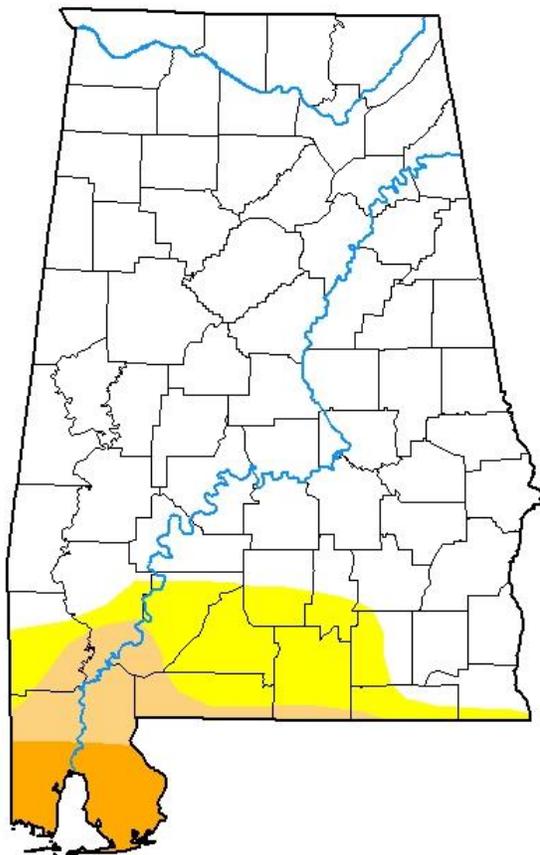
Intensity:

- 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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