



**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.

July 20, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 19, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 6.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

High temperatures and mostly dry weather in agricultural areas prompted the use of irrigation systems. Cotton and peanuts especially needed moisture as they were in peak fruiting. Cotton in southern Alabama advanced rapidly in the last couple of weeks with all fields having some blooms. The corn crop began drying down. Overall, row crop conditions remained mostly good.

**Livestock and Pastures**

High temperatures stressed livestock. In central counties, the July rainfall totals increased weed pressure on pastures and hayfields. Many farmers began their third hay cutting as weather allowed.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/19/20**

| Crop stage                  | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                             | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Mature .....         | 23        | 4         | 20        | 22         |
| Cotton - Squaring .....     | 86        | 77        | 88        | 85         |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 45        | 25        | 41        | 49         |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting .....     | 78        | 74        | 80        | 68         |
| Peanuts - Pegging.....      | 85        | 75        | 88        | 74         |
| Soybeans - Blooming .....   | 65        | 48        | 65        | 67         |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods.    | 38        | 6         | 19        | 33         |

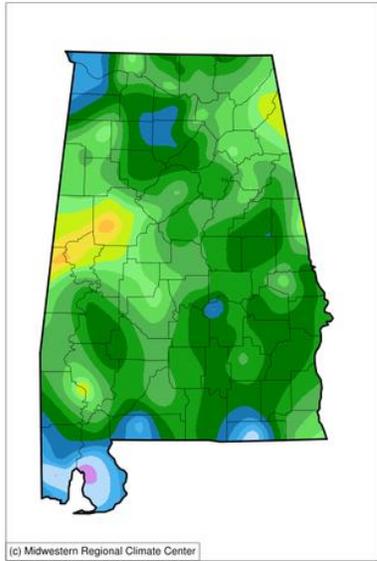
**Conditions for Week Ending 07/19/20**

| Crop                | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                     | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle .....        | 0         | 2         | 21        | 67        | 10        |
| Corn .....          | 0         | 0         | 6         | 69        | 25        |
| Cotton .....        | 0         | 1         | 16        | 74        | 9         |
| Pasture and range.. | 0         | 2         | 18        | 70        | 10        |
| Peanuts.....        | 0         | 0         | 8         | 69        | 23        |
| Soybeans .....      | 0         | 0         | 7         | 83        | 10        |

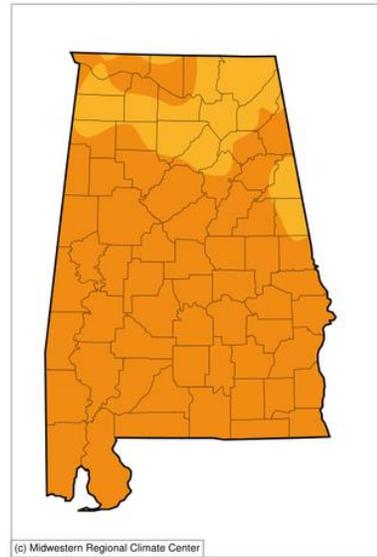
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/19/20**

| Topsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0             | 2         |
| Short .....     | 5             | 17        |
| Adequate.....   | 90            | 80        |
| Surplus.....    | 5             | 1         |
| Subsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 0             | 2         |
| Short .....     | 5             | 15        |
| Adequate.....   | 91            | 82        |
| Surplus.....    | 4             | 1         |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**July 14, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Jul. 16, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|   | None   | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 99.69  | 0.31   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>07-07-2020              | 99.17  | 0.83   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>04-14-2020           | 73.98  | 26.02  | 3.59  | 0.34  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2019 | 100.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-01-2019    | 0.00   | 100.00 | 35.36 | 11.99 | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>07-16-2019           | 60.50  | 39.50  | 10.57 | 3.68  | 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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