



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, July 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 4.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Scattered showers statewide aided soil moisture, but irrigation continued to be needed as high temperatures quickly dried fields. Corn, cotton, and soybeans developed at a rapid pace. Overall, row crops remained in mostly good condition, and producers were optimistic about good yields.

Some producers were finishing their second hay cutting, while others already completed their third. Reported hay yields were good to very good.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures in northeastern and central counties were in good condition, but high heat in southern counties resulted in dry pastures. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	36	20	39	41
Cotton - Squaring	91	88	91	89
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	64	41	60	65
Hay - 2nd Cutting	84	80	85	78
Peanuts - Pegging.....	92	88	92	82
Soybeans - Blooming	73	65	78	75
Soybeans - Setting Pods.	51	19	50	48

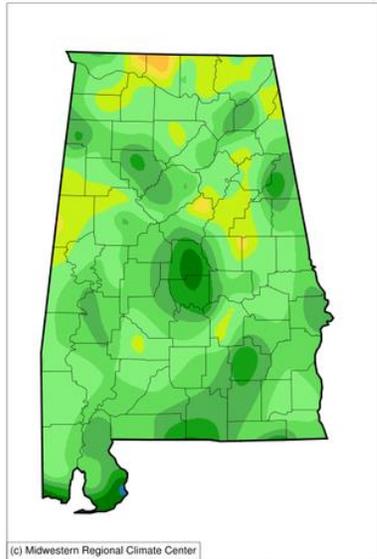
Conditions for Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	15	75	9
Corn	0	1	9	70	20
Cotton	0	1	13	73	13
Pasture and range..	0	1	12	80	7
Peanuts.....	0	0	9	70	21
Soybeans	0	1	12	73	14

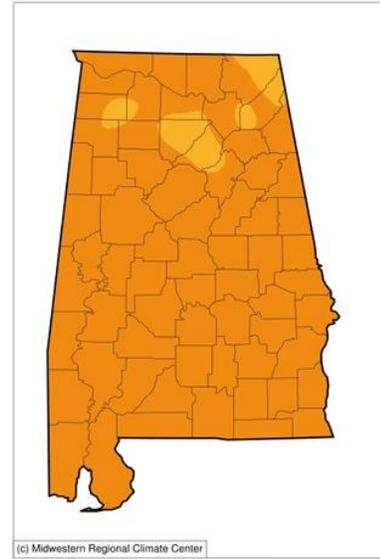
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4
Short	17	13
Adequate.....	80	82
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	3
Short	15	12
Adequate.....	82	84
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020

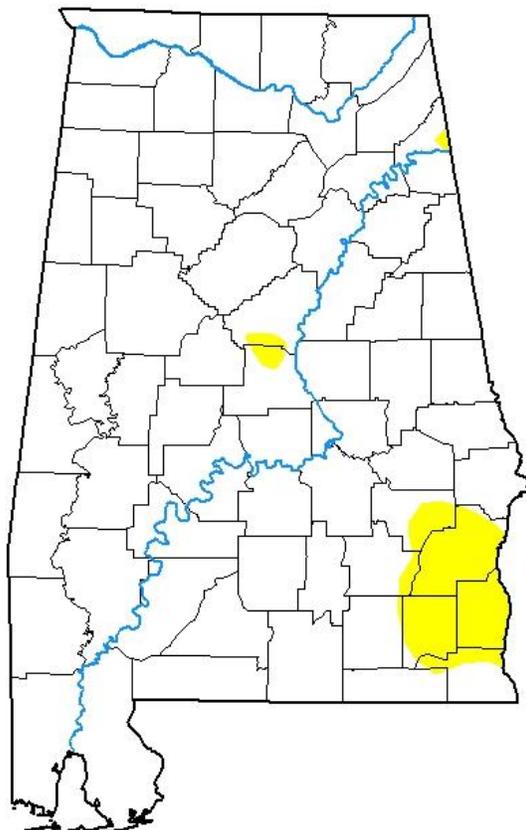


Average Temperature (°F)
July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

July 21, 2020
(Released Thursday, Jul. 23, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.88	5.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-14-2020	99.69	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-21-2020	89.17	10.83	3.59	0.50	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 07-23-2019	68.21	31.79	11.01	4.27	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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