



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.

August 17, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 6.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Scattered showers, some locally heavy, provided brief relief to another hot week. Where rain fell, crops looked good, but in other areas, crops were stressed. With peanuts and cotton in peak fruiting, they were in need of more rainfall. Despite dry soil conditions in some counties, statewide row crop condition was at or above average. Corn was drying quickly, and farmers began preparing for harvest. Hay harvesting continued at a normal pace, as weather permitted.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock experienced heat stress from hot days and high nighttime temperatures. Overall, cattle condition remained mostly good. Pasture growth and condition were typical for this time of year.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/20

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Mature | 71 | 64 | 78 | 80 |
| Corn - Harvested | 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 91 | 85 | 93 | 92 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening | 9 | 3 | 6 | 11 |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting | 94 | 94 | 96 | 91 |
| Peanuts - Pegging..... | 100 | 99 | 99 | 96 |
| Soybeans - Blooming | 91 | 91 | 96 | 95 |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods . | 71 | 76 | 86 | 76 |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves | 1 | NA | 0 | 4 |

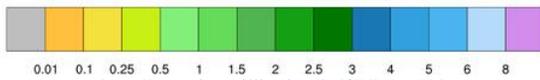
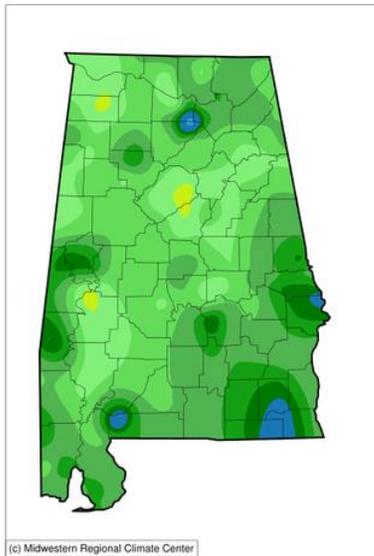
Conditions for Week Ending 08/16/20

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 0 | 1 | 15 | 79 | 5 |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 8 | 70 | 22 |
| Cotton | 0 | 0 | 12 | 73 | 15 |
| Pasture and range.. | 1 | 3 | 23 | 70 | 3 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 0 | 12 | 70 | 18 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 0 | 11 | 80 | 9 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/20

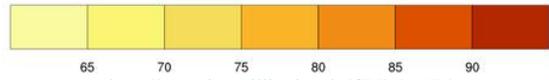
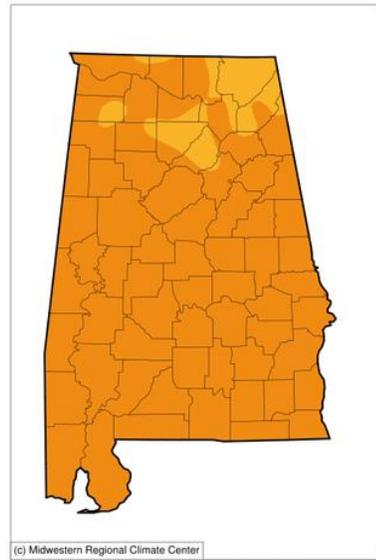
| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 13 | 2 |
| Short | 33 | 25 |
| Adequate..... | 54 | 73 |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 |
| Subsoil | Previous week | This week |
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 11 | 4 |
| Short | 23 | 20 |
| Adequate..... | 66 | 76 |
| Surplus..... | 0 | 0 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



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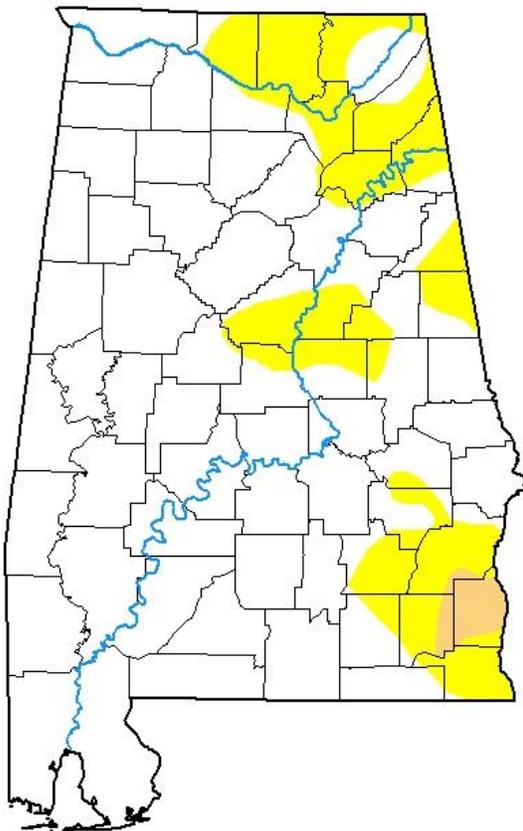
Average Temperature (°F)
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 11, 2020
(Released Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 80.77 | 19.23 | 1.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 08-04-2020 | 79.57 | 20.43 | 1.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 05-12-2020 | 81.89 | 18.11 | 7.60 | 3.28 | 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 08-13-2019 | 61.46 | 38.54 | 12.79 | 2.63 | 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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