



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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

Another week of sporadic rainfall left some areas dry while other areas had temporarily flooded fields. In counties that received ample rain, fieldwork and corn harvesting were slowed by wet conditions. Growers in drier areas continued to run irrigation on cotton and peanuts. Row crops continued to flourish in northern counties, with at or above average yields expected for corn, soybeans, and cotton. In southeastern counties, producers were hopeful that rain forecasted for next week would improve the condition of stressed crops. Hay production has been above average overall, with some producers on their fourth cutting. Producers in southern counties were paying close attention to the projected paths of tropical storms Marco and Laura.

Livestock and Pastures

In some northern counties, mixed forage pastures looked okay, but cool season pastures were poor. In southern counties, beneficial rains improved pasture conditions. Cattle continued to be in good condition overall.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	80	78	85	89
Corn - Harvested	18	7	20	19
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	96	93	95	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening	24	6	13	20
Hay - 3rd Cutting	13	NA	18	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	83	86	92	86
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	8	0	6	11

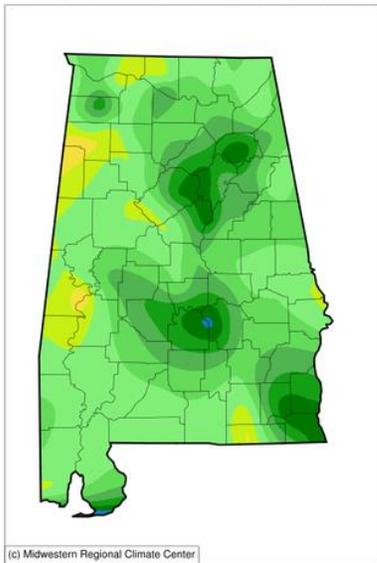
Conditions for Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	14	78	7
Corn	0	1	9	67	23
Cotton	0	0	17	68	15
Pasture and range..	0	3	25	69	3
Peanuts.....	0	0	9	70	21
Soybeans	0	2	17	73	8

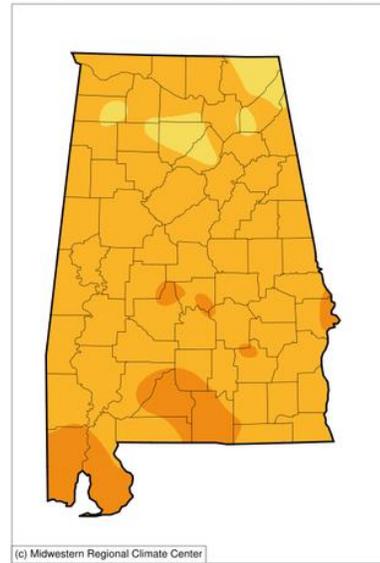
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/23/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4
Short	25	22
Adequate.....	73	69
Surplus.....	0	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5
Short	20	21
Adequate.....	76	73
Surplus.....	0	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020

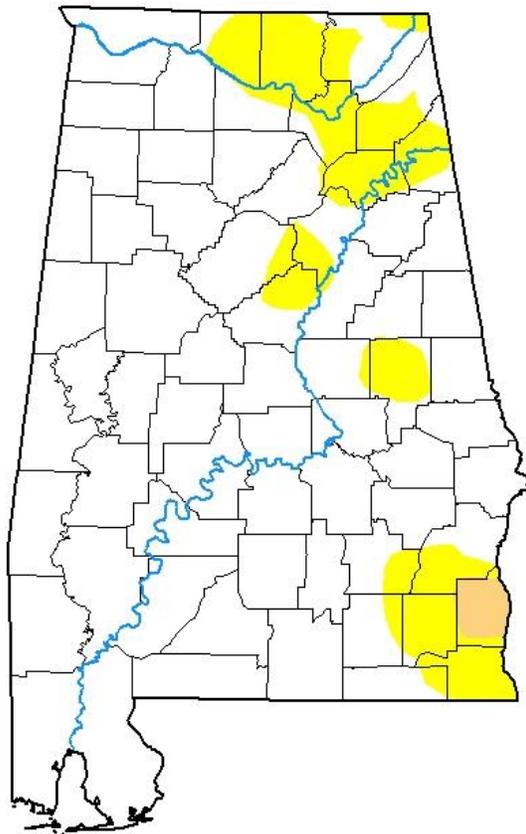


Average Temperature (°F)
August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 18, 2020
(Released Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.40	14.60	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-11-2020	80.77	19.23	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-19-2020	81.49	18.51	8.50	3.48	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 08-20-2019	52.47	47.53	12.56	1.90	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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