



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 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches of rain to 6.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

Overcast skies and thunderstorms dominated the week as rainbands from Tropical Storm Marco and Hurricane Laura brought significant rainfall to some counties. Strong winds were observed, but no crop damage was reported. Abnormally dry conditions subsided in much of the state. Fieldwork was delayed in many areas. Corn harvesting proceeded slowly in fields where rainfall was light. In some counties, corn was in need of sunshine and dry weather for harvest to start.

Livestock and Pastures

Hot and humid conditions stressed livestock, but did not cause a change in overall cattle condition. In central counties, warm season pastures began to decline as forages prepared for dormancy, while in southern counties, pastures were recovering from dry conditions. Producers reported fall armyworms in pastures and hayfields.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	89	85	89	94
Corn - Harvested	33	20	27	33
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	98	95	97	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening	43	13	18	33
Hay - 3rd Cutting	23	18	28	NA
Peanuts - Dug	1	NA	0	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	91	92	94	93
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	17	6	12	22

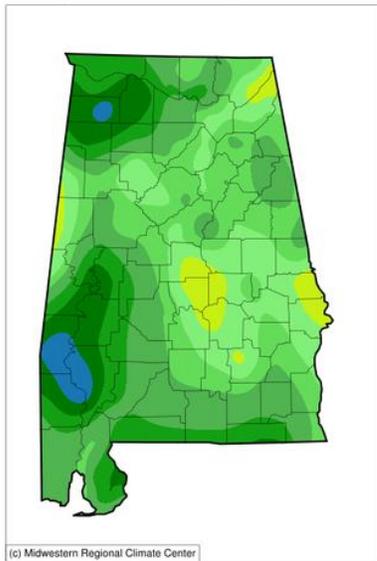
Conditions for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	15	78	6
Corn	0	0	8	69	23
Cotton	0	0	14	72	14
Pasture and range..	1	3	25	68	3
Peanuts.....	0	0	8	73	19
Soybeans	0	0	12	80	8

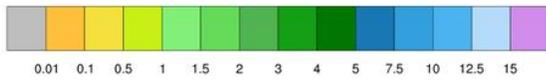
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	1
Short	22	7
Adequate.....	69	73
Surplus.....	5	19
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	1
Short	21	12
Adequate.....	73	82
Surplus.....	1	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020

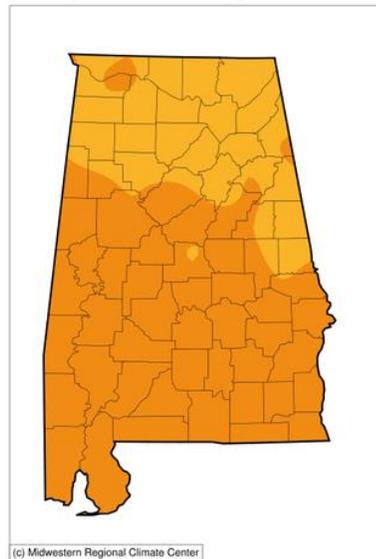


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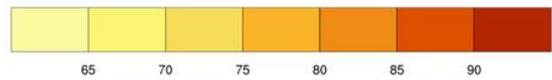


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Average Temperature (°F)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



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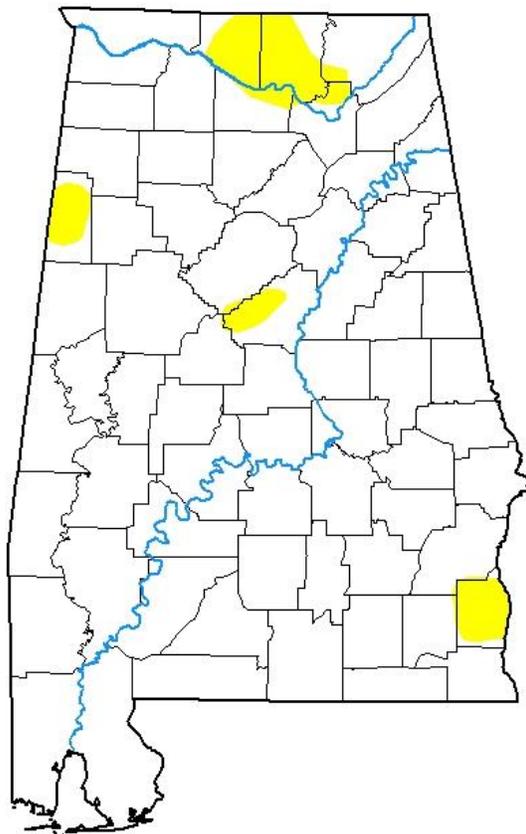
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

August 25, 2020
(Released Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.03	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-18-2020	85.40	14.60	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-26-2020	82.60	17.40	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 08-27-2019	66.04	33.96	10.78	1.53	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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