General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

Crops
Warm temperatures and dry conditions continued across the state. Soil moisture conditions shifted from adequate to short in many areas. Most corn fields were finished planting and nearing complete emergence. Pivots were used where available to keep corn irrigated. Cotton, peanut, and soybean fields continued to be planted, although soil moisture was a limiting factor in many areas. Many fields were cut for hay with little to no rain during the week. First hay cutting yields were reported to be relatively light for central Alabama. Wheat fields were mostly finished heading and began drying out for harvest. Concerns over higher input costs including diesel and chemicals have many reevaluating their management practices this season.

Livestock and Pastures
Cattle and pasture were in mostly good condition throughout the state. Pastures were beginning to dry out and show signs of stress.