



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.31 inches of rain up to 3.51 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Wheat is really starting to head out and looking good so far. Some corn has been planted but it was too wet to get in the field most of the week.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Wheat is looking good. Wet conditions have finally slacked enough for the application of nitrogen. Corn planting is almost complete and early seeding is up and looking well.

Shane Seay, Limestone County

Rain though most of the week. Not much field work. Most corn planting done. Cotton planting should begin as soon as fields dry.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Farmers continue to spray, fertilize, and plant crops when conditions are favorable.

Julia Crownover, Jackson County

Excessive rainfall in the last couple of weeks have slowed farmers' preparation work for planting crops. Severe erosion, standing water, and significant leaching of nutrients in some fields. Farmers who planted corn in March may have to replant due to erosion.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	62	45	30	54
Corn - Emerged	38	13	20	29
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	1	3
Peanuts - Planted	0	0	2	1
Winter Wheat - Headed ...	24	10	24	36

Conditions for Week Ending 04/17/16

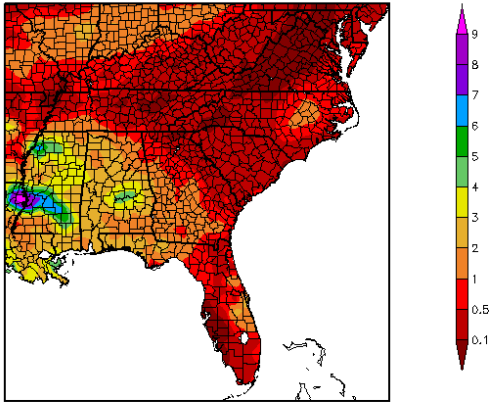
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	2	82	16
Pasture and range	0	0	11	69	20
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	20	64	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/16

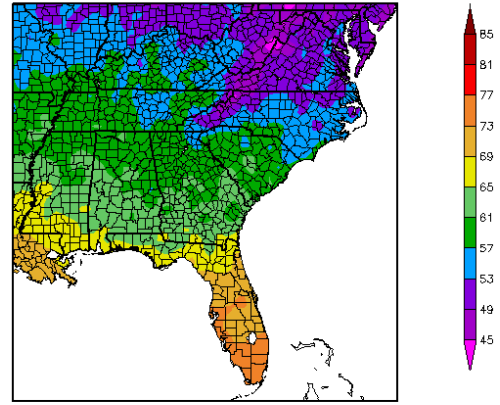
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	1
Short.....	1	1	8
Adequate	46	59	57
Surplus	53	40	34

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0	NA
Short.....	1	1	NA
Adequate	55	57	NA
Surplus	44	42	NA

Precipitation (in)
4/11/2016 - 4/17/2016



Temperature (F)
4/11/2016 - 4/17/2016



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/5/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/12/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/14/2015	44.82	55.18	12.94	2.38	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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