



**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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 to 1.8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

Some soybeans and cotton were planted this week. Some first cutting of hay was completed.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Cotton planting, field prep, and fertilizer application continued this week until rain midweek halted most fieldwork. Pastures mostly look good and some hay first cutting has taken place.

**Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County**

Rain every two or three days is great for the row crops, but is delaying the harvest of hay.

**Jeff Knotts, Pike County**

Corn looks good. Wheat is heading and not sure what the yield will end up being due to so much rainfall these last three months.

**Karen McDonald, Monroe County**

Need some rain to start planting peanuts across the area. Cotton plantings are well underway.

**James Jones, Jr., Henry County**

Row crop farmers made a lot of headway with cultivation and planting crops. Excellent to good drying conditions have helped farmers get field prep work done and start planting. Some cattle operations are still feeding hay to their herds awaiting summer pastures to kick in.

**Willie Durr, Houston County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	92	75	60	77
Corn - Emerged .....	75	56	39	57
Cotton - Planted .....	22	14	9	17
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	12	5	10	NA
Peanuts - Planted .....	9	3	15	10
Soybeans Planted .....	5	NA	4	7
Winter Wheat - Headed	79	66	74	74

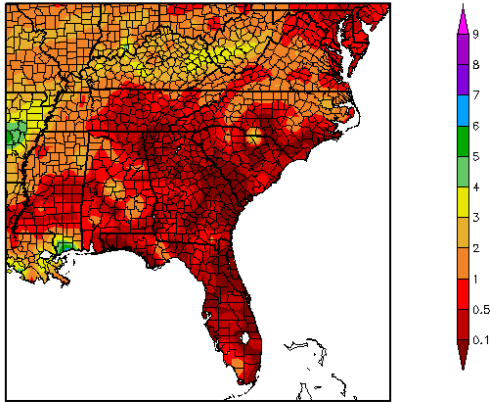
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	1	9	79	11
Corn .....	0	2	11	66	21
Pasture and range .....	0	1	14	72	13
Winter Wheat .....	0	1	16	63	20

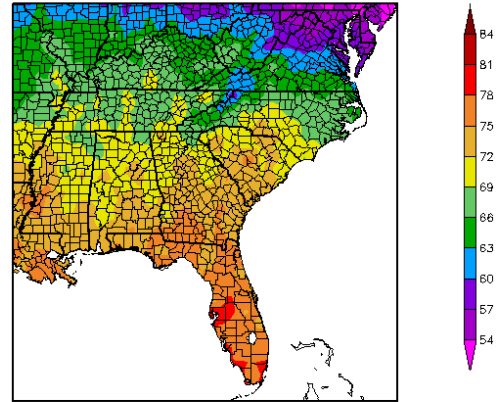
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	4	2	3
Short .....	14	8	13
Adequate .....	71	76	54
Surplus .....	11	14	30
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	1	0	NA
Short .....	7	1	NA
Adequate .....	83	81	NA
Surplus .....	9	18	NA

Precipitation (in)  
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



Temperature (F)  
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**April 26, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 28, 2016)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	91.12	8.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 4/19/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 1/26/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	37.12	62.88	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 4/26/2015	73.06	26.94	0.00	0.00	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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