



**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 in Alabama, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 2, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.13 inches of rain up to 1.89 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Due to drought conditions and continual overgrazing, pasture conditions have remained at fair across the county. Wheat conditions seem good, in terms of growth. There is some concern of freeze damage from the recent freeze, but there are not currently any signs of damage.

**Joshua Melson, Lawrence County**

In spite of recent rains, many cattle ponds are low. Pastures are thin and weedy. Tree deaths from the fall drought have become more evident.

**David West, Calhoun County**

Some farmers have completed corn planting in Central Alabama, while others are still in the process. Burndown herbicides are going out on cotton fields. We received some rainfall early in the week.

**Christy Hicks, Autauga County**

We are still experiencing dry conditions across the county. Farmers continue burn downs, plowing, tilling, and cultivating fields getting ready to plant cotton, peanuts, corn, and soybeans. Vegetable producers are starting to plant their crops.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/02/17**

| Crop stage                | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                           | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Planted .....      | 11        | NA        | 11        | 20         |
| Corn - Emerged .....      | 2         | NA        | 7         | NA         |
| Cotton - Planted.....     | 0         | NA        | 0         | 1          |
| Winter Wheat - Headed ... | 8         | NA        | 0         | 11         |

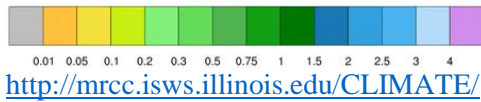
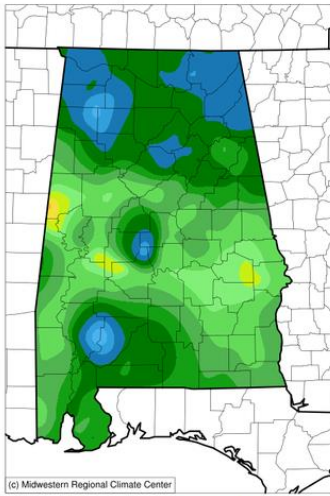
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/02/17**

| Crop                    | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle .....            | 1         | 9         | 35        | 54        | 1         |
| Pasture and range ..... | 1         | 12        | 52        | 35        | 0         |
| Winter Wheat.....       | 0         | 3         | 38        | 49        | 10        |

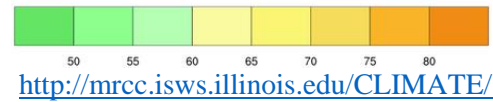
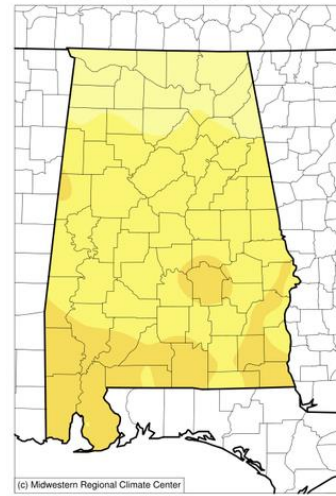
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/02/17**

| Topsoil          | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
|                  | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short ..... | 9         | 16            | 1          |
| Short.....       | 16        | 22            | 5          |
| Adequate .....   | 67        | 60            | 68         |
| Surplus .....    | 8         | 2             | 26         |
| Subsoil          | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|                  | (percent) | (percent)     | (percent)  |
| Very short ..... | 10        | 18            | NA         |
| Short.....       | 28        | 29            | NA         |
| Adequate .....   | 61        | 53            | NA         |
| Surplus .....    | 1         | 0             | NA         |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)  
March 27, 2017 to April 02, 2017

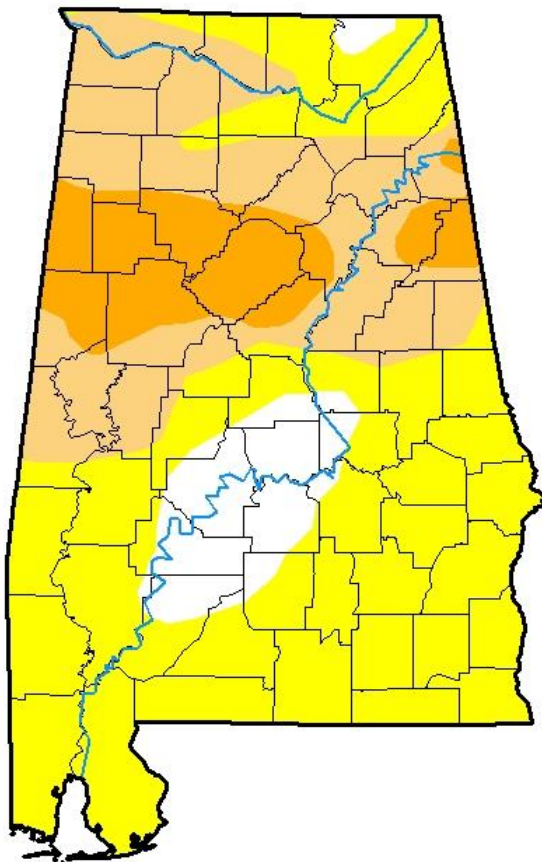


Average Temperature (°F)  
March 27, 2017 to April 02, 2017



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**March 28, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 30, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 9.36  | 90.64 | 37.68 | 12.14 | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-21-2017              | 29.04 | 70.96 | 41.07 | 21.89 | 1.65  | 0.00  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-27-2016           | 1.17  | 98.83 | 96.09 | 86.05 | 51.76 | 19.18 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 22.97 | 77.03 | 68.12 | 48.58 | 23.32 | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 17.15 | 82.85 | 47.12 | 17.94 | 6.36  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-29-2016           | 98.08 | 1.92  | 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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