



United States Department of Agriculture
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Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 6.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 60s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 30s.

County Comments

Rainfall is still adequate for this time of year. Pastures are recovering somewhat, but the cover may be mostly weeds and wild grasses. Most will need to be reseeded due to the recent drought. The wheat crop is good. Potato producers have nearly completed planting. Corn producers are looking to begin planting as soon as the field conditions are dry enough. They anticipate beginning next week.

Beverly Noles, DeKalb County

Heavy rain, wind, and hail from severe storms led to some lodging of wheat, hail damage, and flooding in some early planted corn. Cool season pastures have performed better in recent weeks, but warm season pastures seem to be struggling with the recent cool weather conditions.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

A few heavy storms this week affected fieldwork. Corn planting should wrap up soon.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Preparations continue for cotton, peanut, and soybean planting. Commercial vegetable producers are planting now. Strong storms in two days last week provided needed rainfall, but shortened suitable days for fieldwork.

Gavin Mauldin, Geneva County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/09/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	30	11	40	37
Corn - Emerged	17	2	12	15
Cotton - Planted	0	0	0	1
Winter wheat - Headed	23	8	9	22

Conditions for Week Ending 04/09/17

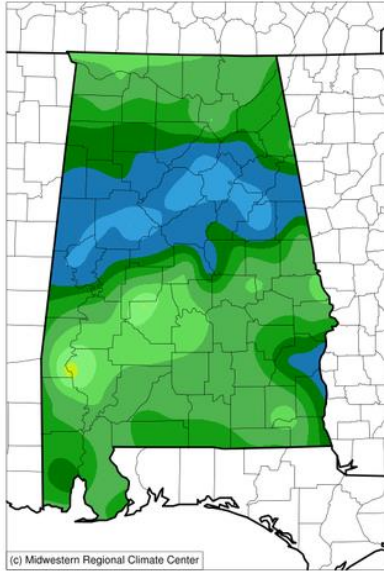
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	7	36	54	2
Pasture and range	1	12	50	35	2
Winter wheat	0	3	37	50	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/09/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	6	9	1
Short	14	16	9
Adequate	73	67	59
Surplus	7	8	31

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	7	10	NA
Short	27	28	NA
Adequate	62	61	NA
Surplus	4	1	NA

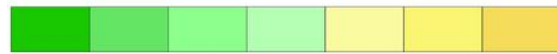
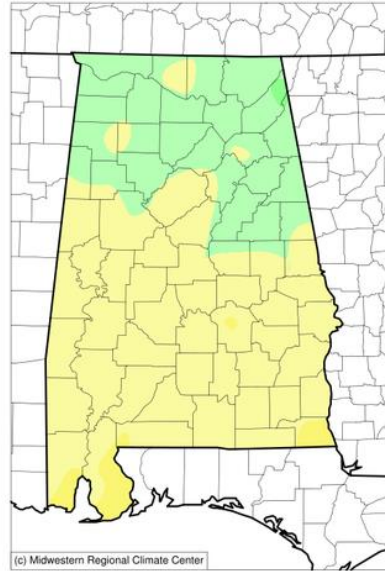
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



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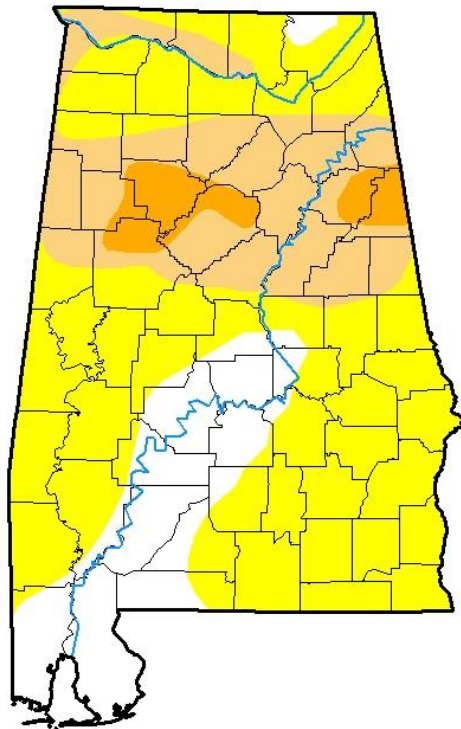
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.36	81.64	26.17	4.87	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-28-2017	9.36	90.64	37.68	12.14	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
One Year Ago 04-05-2016	100.00	0.00	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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