



**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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to over 2 inches in a few locations. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 40s.

County Comments

It was a great week for planting. Now we just need some rain to get the seeds up. Wheat has really started heading out this week.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Corn planting has begun this week. Potato planting has been completed. The entire county is now abnormally dry. Many producers have begun to reseed their pastures due to the dry conditions.

Beverly Noles, DeKalb County

A dry week provided ideal conditions for planting. A number of farmers are over-seeding or completely renovating drought damaged pastures.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

A mostly dry week allowed field work to progress nicely. Fertilizer applications, tillage and burndown ahead of cotton, soybeans, and peanut planting, along with first spray applications on corn were all completed this week.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

After rains last week, the dry conditions returned. Turning soil and plowing continues, as well as burn downs, which should be finishing in the next week. Farmers are preparing to start planting cotton in the next week or so.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	57	30	60	52
Corn - Emerged	30	17	34	27
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	3
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	NA	0	1
Winter wheat - Headed....	53	23	22	33

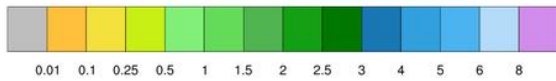
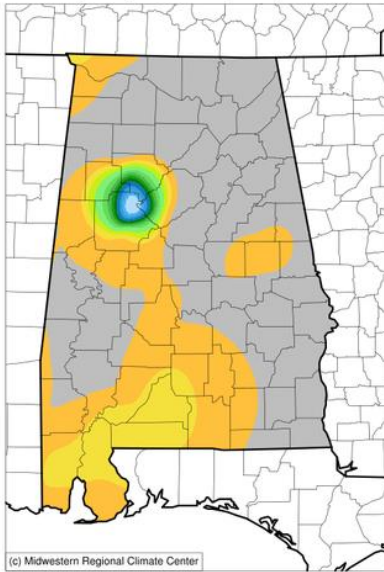
Conditions for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	8	34	56	1
Pasture and range	1	12	49	37	1
Winter wheat.....	0	3	29	54	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/16/17

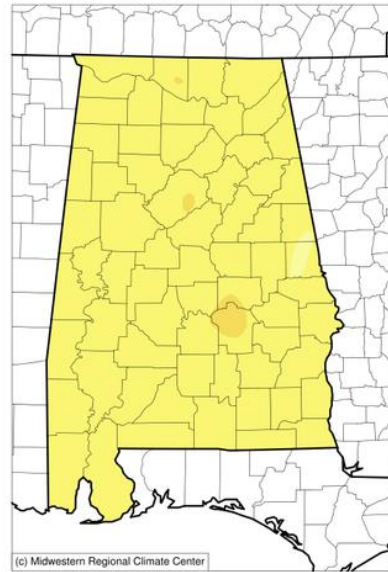
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	6	1
Short.....	21	14	6
Adequate	68	73	53
Surplus	2	7	40
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	7	NA
Short.....	29	27	NA
Adequate	61	62	NA
Surplus	1	4	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 11, 2017

(Released Thursday, Apr. 13, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.36	81.64	21.69	2.67	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-04-2017	18.36	81.64	26.17	4.87	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-10-2017	27.21	72.79	65.71	48.52	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 04-12-2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

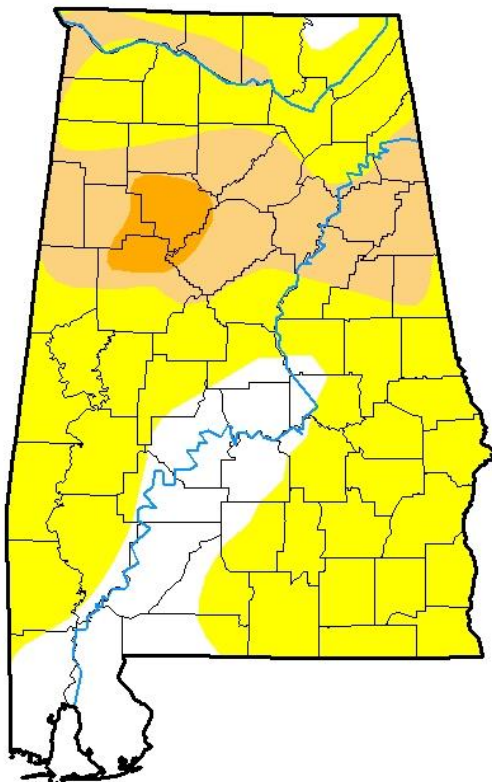
Intensity:

- 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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