



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

Wheat really headed out this week. A lot of corn seed were put in the ground. Soybean planting will get underway as fields dry up. Pastures are still greening and starting to grow. Hay harvest should begin soon.

**Tim Malone, Marion County**

Some cotton was planted this week. Corn is off to a good start and growing rapidly. Some of the area received good rainfall while others received less.

**Christy Hicks, Chambers County**

Conditions are dry, but cotton has been planted. Corn planting is nearly complete. Some soybeans have been planted.

**Rudy Yates, Marengo County**

Dry conditions remain this week. Farmers continue to prepare fields with fertilizer and turning the soil over. Many began planting cotton this week and are nearing the end of corn planting.

**Allie Corcoran, Barbour County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/23/17**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	77	57	73	65
Corn - Emerged .....	57	30	53	42
Cotton - Planted .....	4	0	12	9
Hay - 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting .....	4	NA	5	NA
Peanuts - Planted .....	1	0	3	4
Winter wheat - Headed ...	84	53	60	51

**Conditions for Week Ending 04/23/17**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	7	33	56	3
Pasture and range .....	1	11	55	32	1
Winter wheat .....	0	3	29	53	15

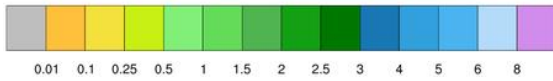
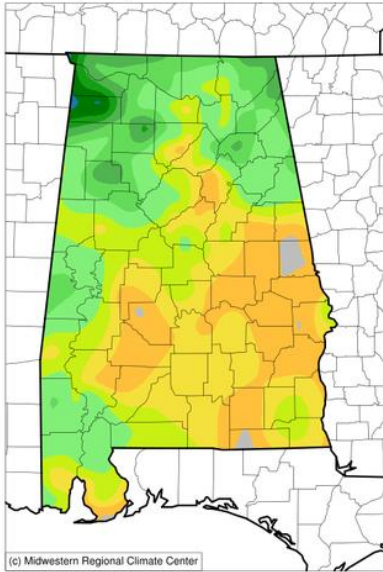
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/23/17**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	11	9	3
Short .....	29	21	12
Adequate .....	58	68	60
Surplus .....	2	2	25

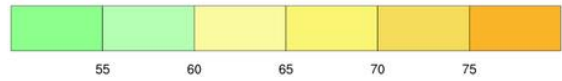
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	7	9	NA
Short .....	40	29	NA
Adequate .....	52	61	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



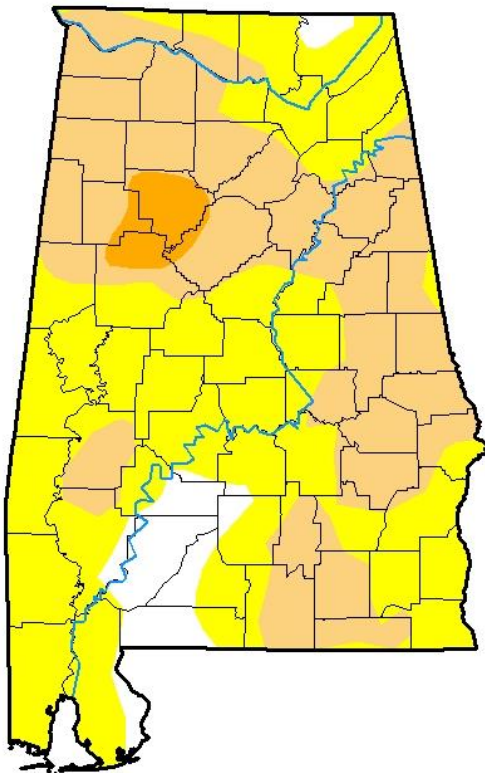
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**April 18, 2017**

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	6.84	93.16	42.71	2.67	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-11-2017	18.36	81.64	21.69	2.67	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-17-2017	27.21	72.79	65.71	48.52	23.32	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	22.97	77.03	68.12	48.58	23.32	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	17.15	82.85	47.12	17.94	6.36	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-19-2016	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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