



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, April 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

We received some rainfall to start the week off. Some hay was cut, and some planting of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans did take place. Winds have been high, limiting spray applications on various crops. Not seeing a lot of inputs on pastures to make improvements, although some pastures are being fertilized. We received our first report of armyworms this week.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Much needed rain fell at the end of the week. Cotton, soybean, and peanut planting is well underway. Some very windy days hindered spray activity on corn.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Monroe County received some rain this week. Corn looks good so far. Some cotton has been planted, but we need more rain.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Weekend rains provided adequate moisture which enabled row crop farmers to continue planting activities. Generally, at least some rain fell throughout the region. Cotton and peanut planting is in full swing. Cattle are also benefitting from the rainfall and sunshine with more grasses available for grazing.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	88	77	90	78
Corn - Emerged	77	57	72	60
Cotton - Planted.....	11	4	21	18
Hay - 1 st Cutting.....	28	4	11	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	7	1	8	10
Soybeans - Planted.....	2	NA	5	7
Winter wheat - Headed	90	84	77	71

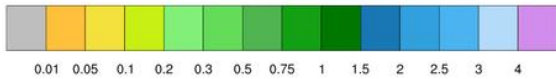
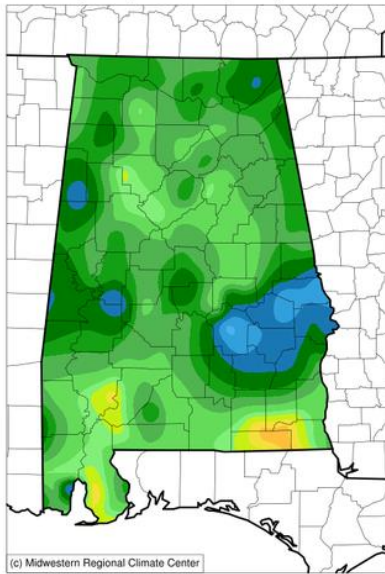
Conditions for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	39	51	4
Pasture and range	1	12	50	36	1
Winter wheat.....	0	3	26	53	18

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/30/17

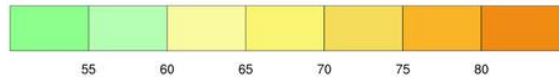
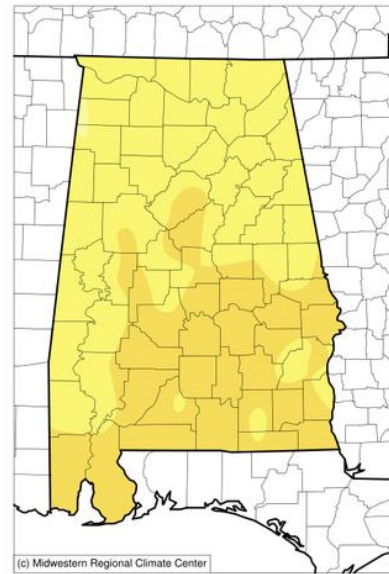
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	9	11	3
Short.....	24	29	12
Adequate	62	58	59
Surplus	5	2	26
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	9	7	NA
Short.....	35	40	NA
Adequate	51	52	NA
Surplus	5	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017



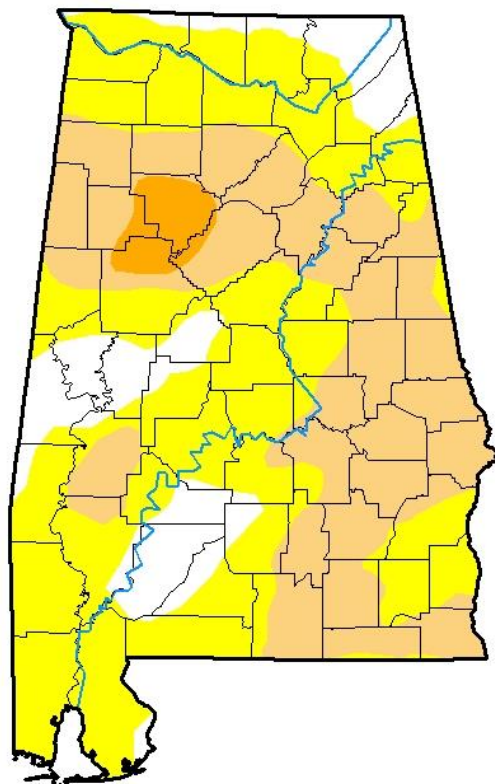
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 25, 2017

(Released Thursday, Apr. 27, 2017)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.28	86.72	38.65	2.67	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-18-2017	6.84	93.16	42.71	2.67	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-24-2017	32.17	67.83	48.58	23.88	2.33	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 04-26-2016	91.12	8.88	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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