



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.07 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Wheat acres in northwest Alabama were quite variable with respect to condition and growth stage.

Tyler Sandlin, Colbert County

Sunshine aided soil drying throughout the week. Pre-plant burndown was in full gear. Corn planting started. Wheat progressed. Cool season grasses and cattle improved.

Shannon Parker, Morgan County

Topsoil quickly dried this week and became hard. Many producers disked and tilled row crop land to fix ruts created when crops were harvested in wet soil. Many acres of cover crops were burned down in preparation for planting corn and early soybeans.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

Following a very wet winter with muddy fields and flooding across the county, conditions turned very dry. However, the dry conditions allowed farmers to move into high gear with planting corn, fertilizing pastures and hayfields, and spraying herbicides. Most livestock farmers continued to feed hay and supplements as pastures were slow to grow. Rain will be welcomed in the coming days.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Soil moisture levels decreased as fieldwork entered into full swing in the Wiregrass Area. Pastures looked poor, and beef producers began to run out of hay. A good rainfall will help everybody.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 3/31/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	28	NA	16	14
Corn - Emerged	4	NA	5	6
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Winter wheat - Headed ...	5	NA	11	5

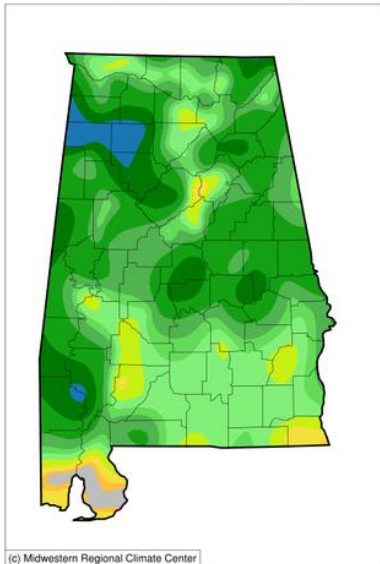
Conditions for Week Ending 3/31/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	27	64	7
Pasture and range	1	4	34	56	5
Winter wheat.....	2	5	42	46	5

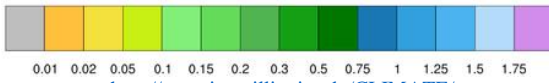
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/31/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	3	2
Short.....	19	8
Adequate	68	59
Surplus	10	31
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	3	1
Short.....	9	7
Adequate	76	60
Surplus	12	32

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019

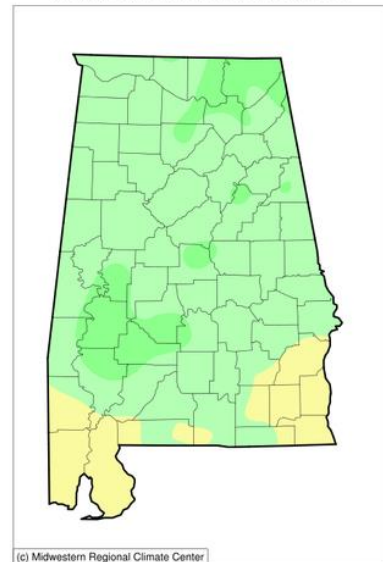


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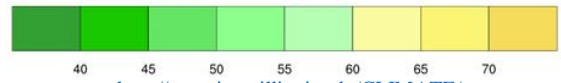


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Average Temperature (°F)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019

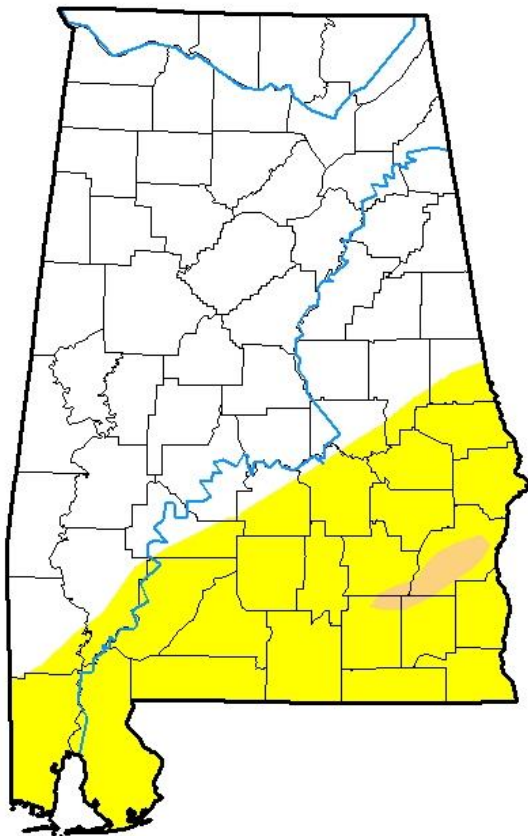


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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



March 26, 2019
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.20	34.80	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-19-2019</i>	95.53	4.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-25-2018</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i>	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-27-2018</i>	51.25	48.75	20.55	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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