



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.19 inches of rain to 2.99 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the high 50s.

County Comments

Pastures improved every day. Farmers completed some burndown this week. Planting will start next week if fields are dry enough.

Tim Malone, Marion County

It was a good week for field preparations. The week began with much-needed rain. Producers laid plastic mulch for vegetable crops, sprayed peaches, harvested strawberries, and applied litter and other fertilizers to pastures. Winter forages looked good.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Much-needed rain fell throughout the county. Frosty mornings early in the week finally gave way to relatively warmer nighttime temperatures. Pastures finally began turning green and should begin to grow as farmers have been applying fertilizer and herbicides. Corn planting continued, and a few farmers began planting cotton.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Progress was made with planting corn, burning down cover crops, and applying fertilizer.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Spring tillage proceeded. Corn and pastures were in need of rainfall.

James Jones Jr., Henry County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/7/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	48	28	28	27
Corn - Emerged	15	4	13	12
Cotton - Planted	0	0	0	0
Winter wheat - Headed ...	18	5	26	14

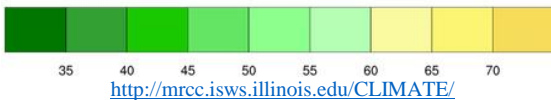
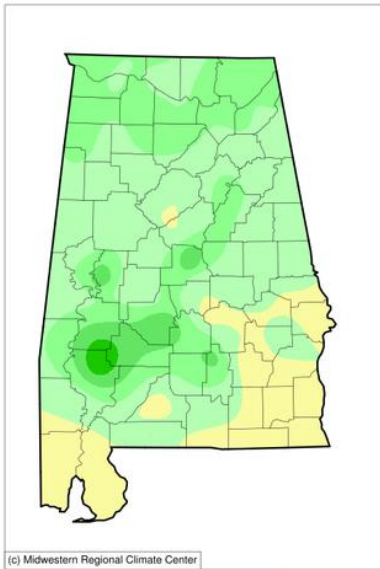
Conditions for Week Ending 4/7/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	28	60	9
Pasture and range	2	5	29	57	7
Winter wheat	4	6	40	45	5

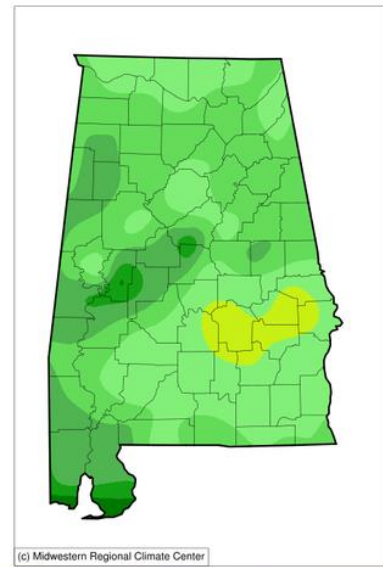
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/7/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	2	3
Short	10	19
Adequate	77	68
Surplus	11	10
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	1	3
Short	7	9
Adequate	82	76
Surplus	10	12

Average Temperature (°F)
April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019

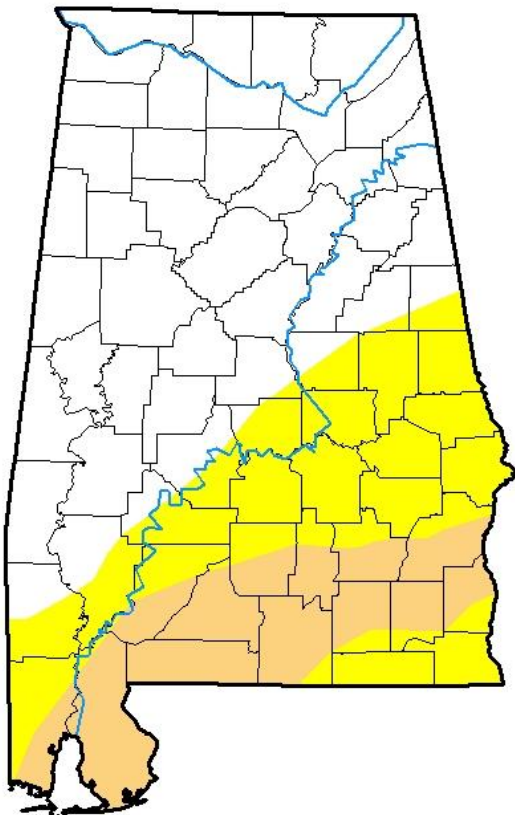


Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 2, 2019
(Released Thursday, Apr. 4, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.72	43.28	16.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-26-2019	65.20	34.80	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	62.25	37.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-03-2018	54.39	45.61	18.90	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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