



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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.05 inches of rain up to 4.97 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

The week began and finished wet. Cool season forages growing well as temperatures remained in the 40-70 range during the week. Summer forages started too emerged. Producers need warmer soil temperatures to start planting row crops.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Cool nights and rain delayed fieldwork and cotton planting this week. Corn planting complete, with some replanting in low areas possible. Pastures in good shape.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

Row crop farmers were ready to start planting peanuts and cotton. Most of this year's corn crop has emerged.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Spring planting of corn was seen throughout the county early in the week. Rain hampered planting as the county received over an inch of rain. Most pastures were green and have been sprayed for weeds. Most Bermuda hay fields were still dormant but should green up this week.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/21/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	76	62	60	60
Corn - Emerged	55	31	31	39
Cotton - Planted.....	2	1	3	4
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	2	3
Winter wheat - Headed	60	41	56	48

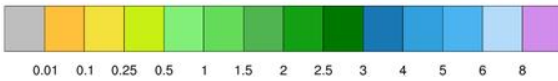
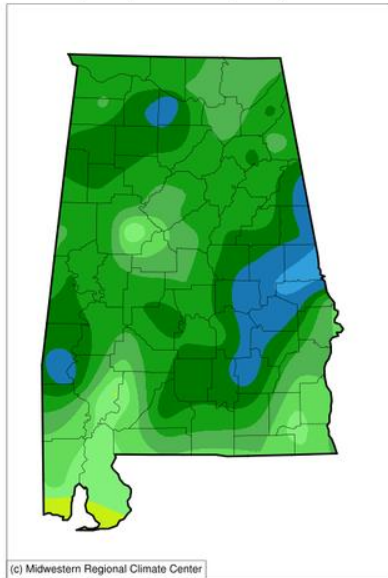
Conditions for Week Ending 04/21/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	22	67	9
Pasture and range	0	3	23	68	6
Winter wheat.....	1	4	34	54	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/21/19

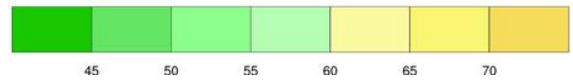
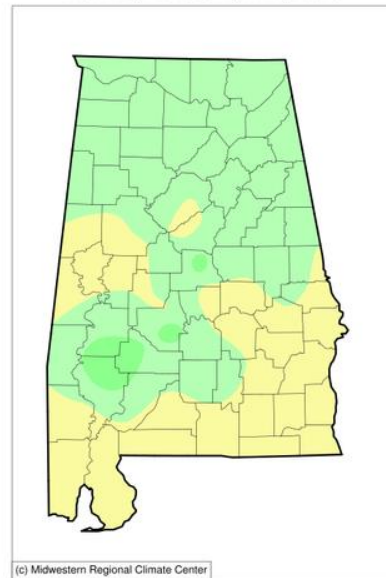
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	2	3
Adequate	69	75
Surplus	29	22
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	2	7
Adequate	72	75
Surplus	26	18

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



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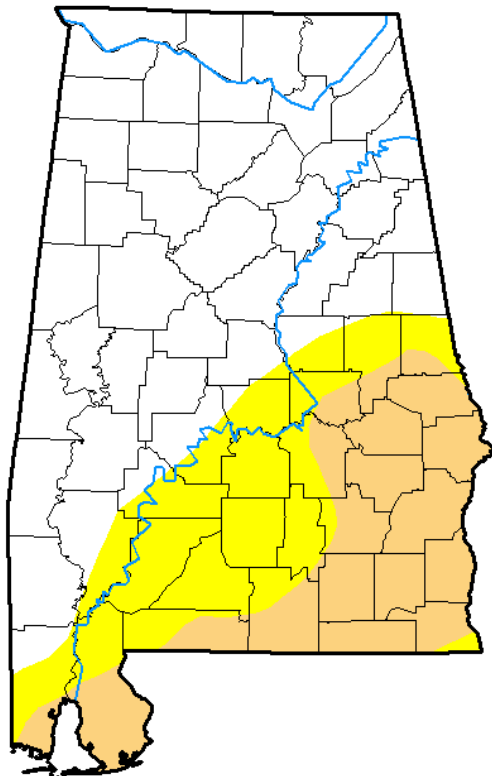
Average Temperature (°F)
April 15, 2019 to April 21, 2019



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 16, 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	59.59	40.41	20.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-09-2019	56.75	43.25	30.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-15-2019	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 04-17-2018	77.01	22.99	2.64	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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