



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 28, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.07 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Received much needed rainfall to get started planting and activate herbicides for peanuts and cotton. Cotton planted in earnest as peanut planting began this week. Pastures in need of some rain. Small grains for harvest are beginning to head out and dry down.

James Jones, Henry County

Cotton planting began and some soybeans have been planted. Good week for work.

Shannon Parker, Morgan County

Warmer temperatures and less rainfall made for a good week of work in the fields. Cotton and other row crop planting made good headway as well as field preparation for later plantings. Continued planting summer vegetables crops.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Light rain did not hinder farm activities as crop planting continued throughout the week and cool season annual grasses were cut for hay.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Good dry conditions this week enabled row crop farmers to start planting peanuts and cotton. Some field work was slowed due to some late week rainfall.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/28/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	87	76	70	73
Corn - Emerged	70	55	47	56
Cotton - Planted	6	2	8	11
Hay - 1st Cutting	12	1	13	NA
Peanuts - Planted	9	1	11	9
Winter wheat - Headed	86	60	73	70

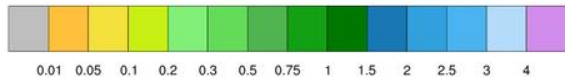
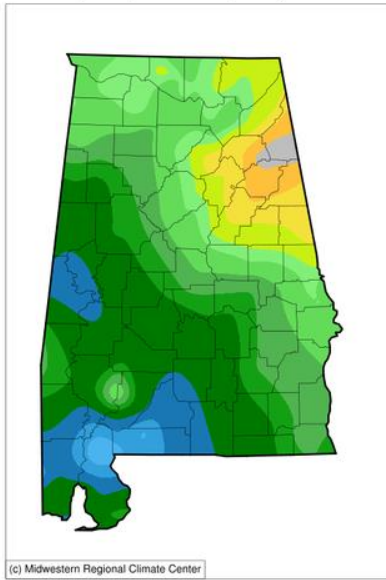
Conditions for Week Ending 04/28/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	25	62	10
Corn	1	1	15	77	6
Pasture and range	1	3	16	70	10
Winter wheat	3	6	39	42	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/28/19

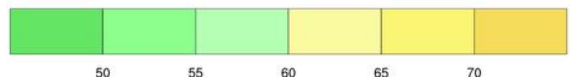
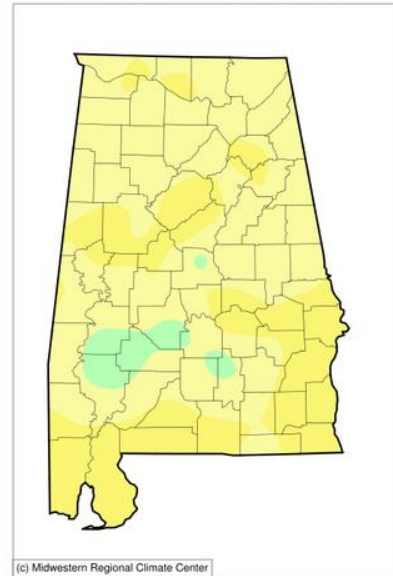
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	3	2
Adequate	75	69
Surplus	22	29
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	3	2
Adequate	80	72
Surplus	17	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 22, 2019 to April 28, 2019



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
April 22, 2019 to April 28, 2019



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 23, 2019

(Released Thursday, Apr. 25, 2019)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.89	25.11	11.23	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-16-2019	59.59	40.41	20.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-22-2019	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 04-24-2018	75.37	24.63	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00

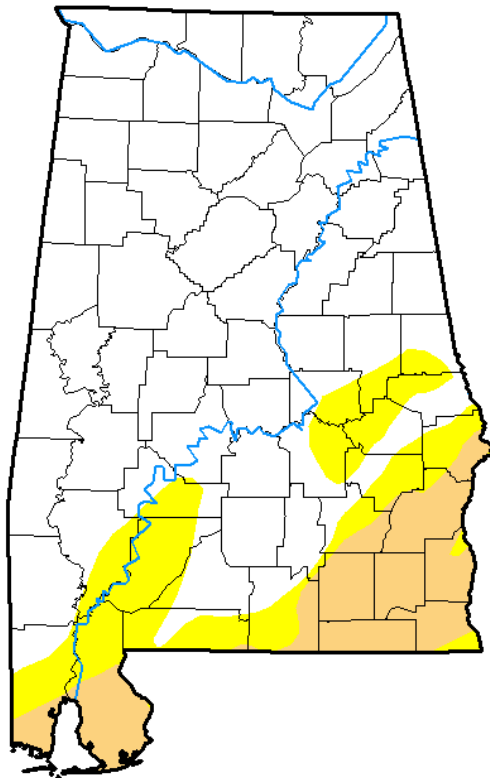
Intensity:

- 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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