



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 5, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.81 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Corn planting is complete and most has emerged and look good. Peanut and cotton planting have begun. Approximately half of the hayfields were completed with first cutting. Strawberry harvest continued with fair to good production.

Gina Harris, Blount County

Dry weather conditions caused the topsoil to dry out. Farmers continued planting until predicted rainfall start.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Needed some moisture across the board to continue plantings.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

Farm activities continued strong with planting of soybeans and cotton, herbicide applications, and hay production. Heavy rainfall halted all farm activities and brought improvement from the hot and dry conditions.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Corn progressed. More cotton was planted and soybean planting began. Wheat and hay looked good. Some ground too wet for pre-plant burndown.

Shannon Parker, Morgan County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/05/19

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	94	87	86	86
Corn - Emerged.....	85	70	65	70
Cotton - Planted.....	28	6	29	25
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	34	12	30	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	16	9	27	19
Soybeans - Planted.....	3	NA	13	14
Winter wheat - Headed....	92	86	89	87

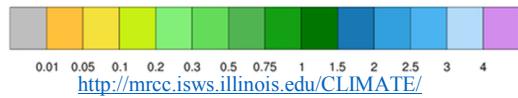
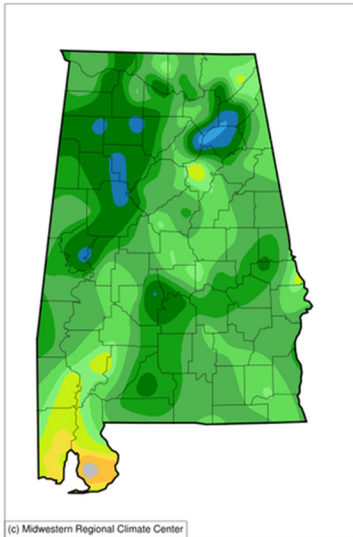
Conditions for Week Ending 05/05/19

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	28	61	8
Corn.....	0	0	8	86	6
Pasture and range.....	1	3	16	70	10
Winter wheat.....	0	3	33	53	11

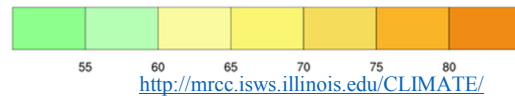
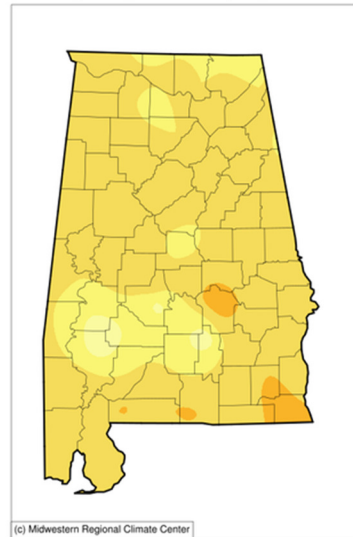
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/05/19

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	5	3
Adequate.....	80	75
Surplus.....	13	22
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	4	3
Adequate.....	87	80
Surplus.....	7	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 29, 2019 to May 05, 2019

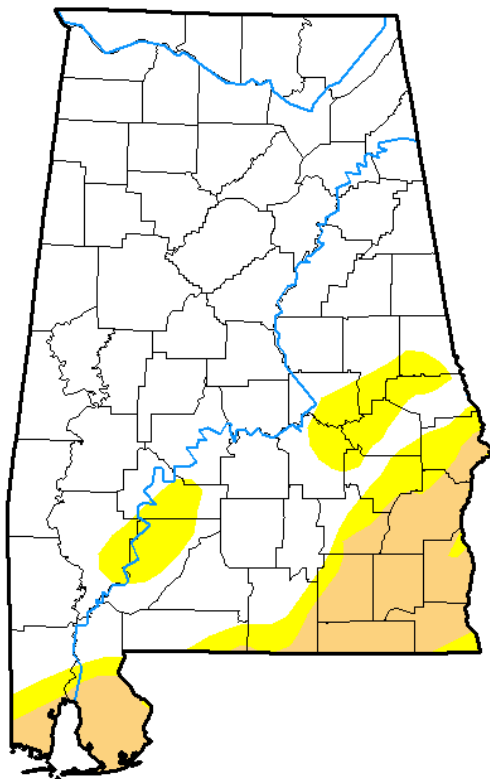


Average Temperature (°F)
April 29, 2019 to May 05, 2019



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 30, 2019
(Released Thursday, May 2, 2019)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.32	20.68	10.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-23-2019	74.89	25.11	11.23	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-29-2019	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 05-01-2018	73.05	26.95	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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