



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 4, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.8 inches of rain to 6.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the high 40s.

Crops

Late-week freezing temperatures temporarily stalled corn planting, but there were no reports of frost damage on emerged corn. Isolated heavy rain also contributed to delayed planting and field preparations. Flooded fields caused some winter wheat to drown, but the remaining wheat was generally in good condition. Burndown for cotton and peanuts was mostly finished before the wet weather began. Strawberry season started.

Producers continued to clean up debris and make repairs to structures damaged by March tomadoes.

Livestock and Pastures

Overall, pasture was in good condition, but heavy rain flooded some fields. Haylage cuttings proceeded as weather permitted. The weather swings stressed livestock.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	19	NA	11	23
Corn - Emerged.....	9	NA	7	9
Cotton - Planted	0	NA	1	0
Winter wheat - Headed.....	16	NA	7	12

(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 04/04/21

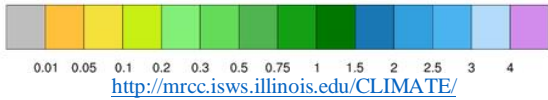
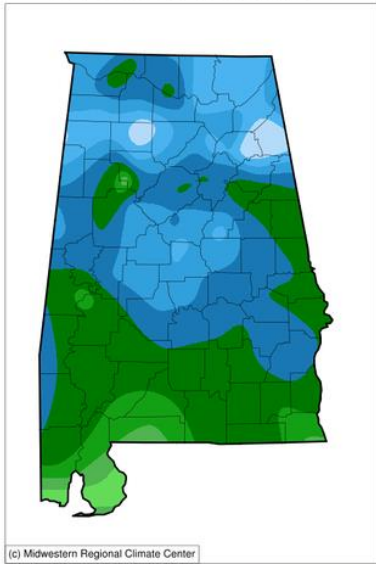
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	8	73	16
Pasture and range	1	2	20	65	12
Winter wheat	0	1	13	75	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/04/21

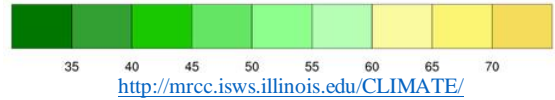
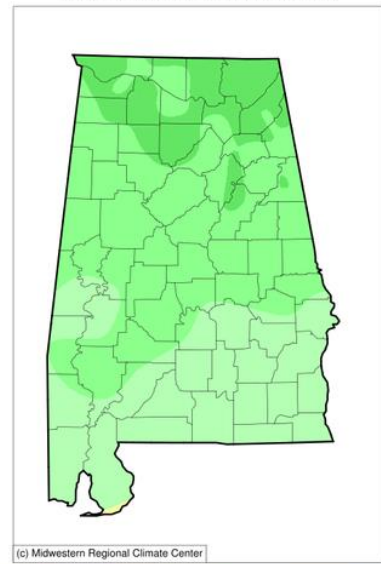
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	1
Short	NA	2
Adequate	NA	73
Surplus.....	NA	24
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	1
Short	NA	6
Adequate	NA	72
Surplus.....	NA	21

(NA) Not available.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021

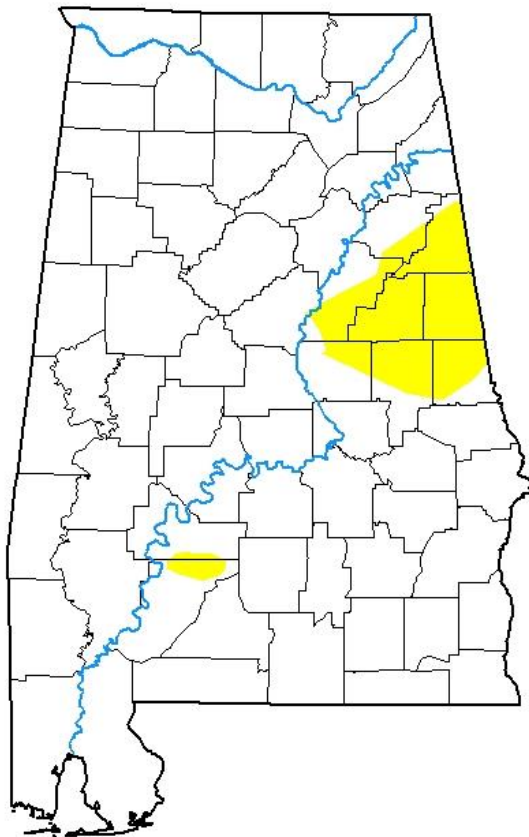


Average Temperature (°F)
March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

March 30, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 1, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.17	6.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-23-2021	80.15	19.85	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-29-2020	92.45	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	92.45	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-31-2020	88.90	11.10	3.43	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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