



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 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 11, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.3 inches of rain to 4.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Another week of rain delayed fieldwork and led to increases in surplus topsoil moisture. Isolated heavy showers over the weekend caused flooding in some counties. As soil moisture conditions allowed, field preparation and corn planting proceeded. Some haylage was baled. The potato crop was greatly damaged by prolonged surplus soil moisture. Wheat remained in mostly good condition. Strawberry harvesting continued. Producers cleaned up from recent storms and flooding.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock producers applied fertilizer and broadleaf weed control as weather permitted. Winter grazing continued to look good. Livestock began rejecting hay in favor of green grass. Weather stress on livestock decreased as warm days returned.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	39	11	23	44
Corn - Emerged.....	19	7	11	20
Cotton - Planted	0	1	1	0
Winter wheat - Headed.....	37	7	14	29

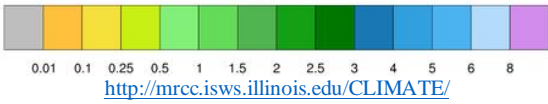
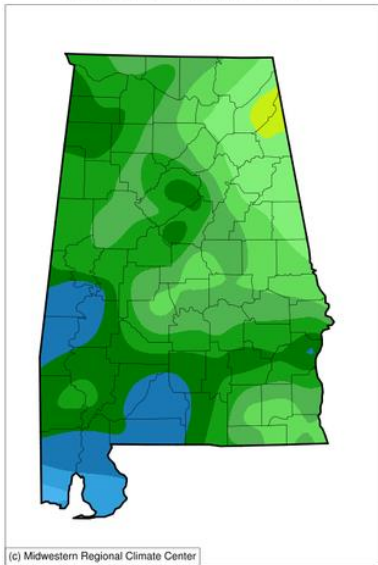
Conditions for Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	8	72	17
Pasture and range	1	3	21	64	11
Winter wheat	0	1	15	73	11

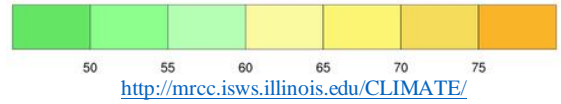
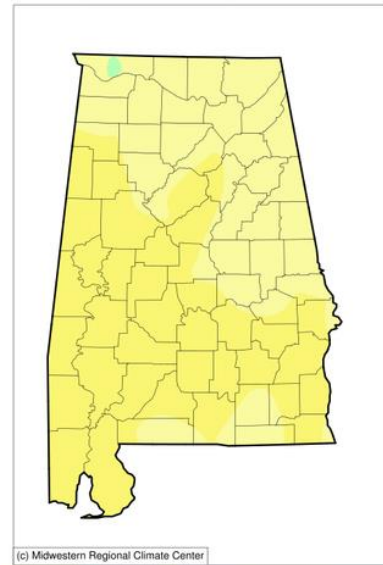
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/11/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short	2	1
Adequate	73	61
Surplus.....	24	38
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	6	2
Adequate	72	80
Surplus.....	21	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021

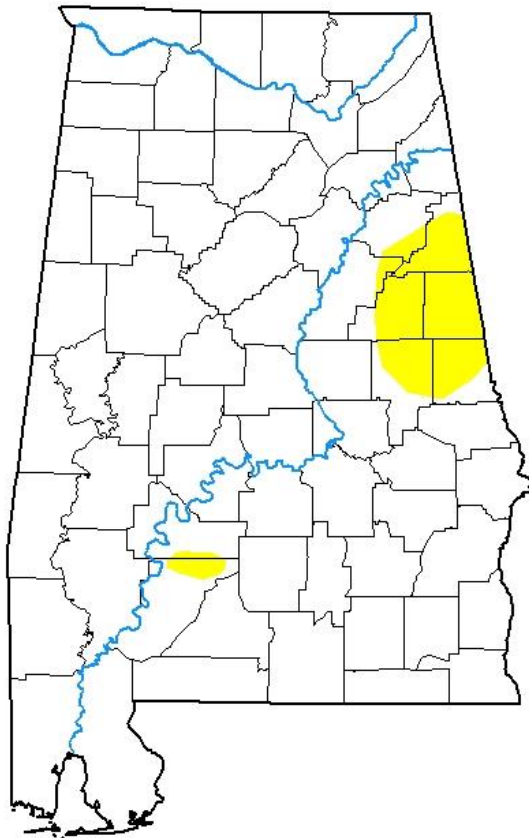


Average Temperature (°F)
April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 6, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 8, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.71	5.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-30-2021	93.17	6.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-05-2021	95.37	4.63	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 04-07-2020	60.95	39.05	3.60	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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