



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 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 18, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 5.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Dry, sunny days in northern and central counties improved soil moisture and allowed producers to make good progress spreading fertilizer and chicken litter, burning down no-till land, planting corn, spraying wheat, and cutting hay and haylage. In southern counties, another week of rain continued to delay fieldwork for some, while others made progress slowly as field conditions permitted. Based on the continued surplus rain in southern counties, producers were assessing whether they would need to replant corn acreage. Strawberry harvesting was in full swing.

Livestock and Pastures

The cold snap in the beginning of April caused delays in pasture grass growth in northern counties. In southern counties, winter grazing was still growing. Livestock was looking good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	59	23	60	62
Corn - Emerged.....	35	11	20	37
Cotton - Planted	4	1	2	2
Hay - 1st Cutting	5	NA	4	2
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	0	1
Winter wheat - Headed.....	67	14	36	51

(NA) Not available.

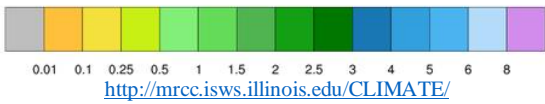
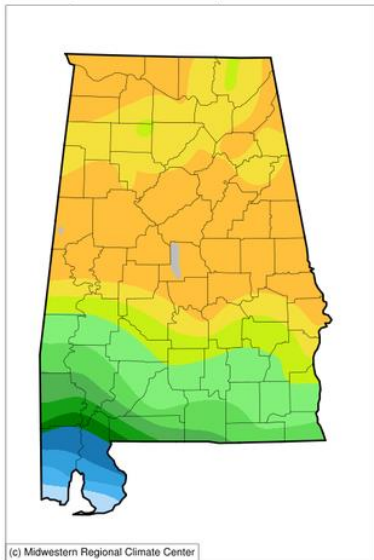
Conditions for Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	9	71	17
Pasture and range	1	3	13	73	10
Winter wheat	0	0	17	76	7

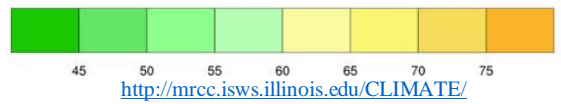
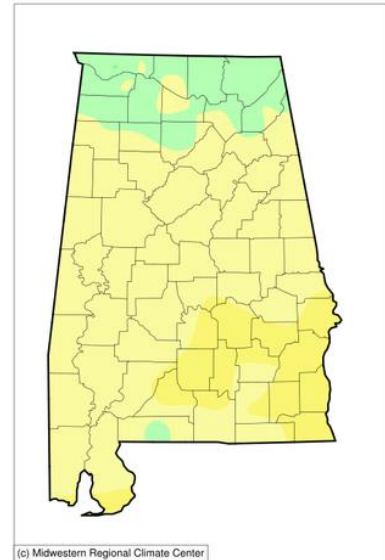
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/18/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short	1	1
Adequate	61	70
Surplus.....	38	28
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short	2	2
Adequate	80	82
Surplus.....	17	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 12, 2021 to April 18, 2021

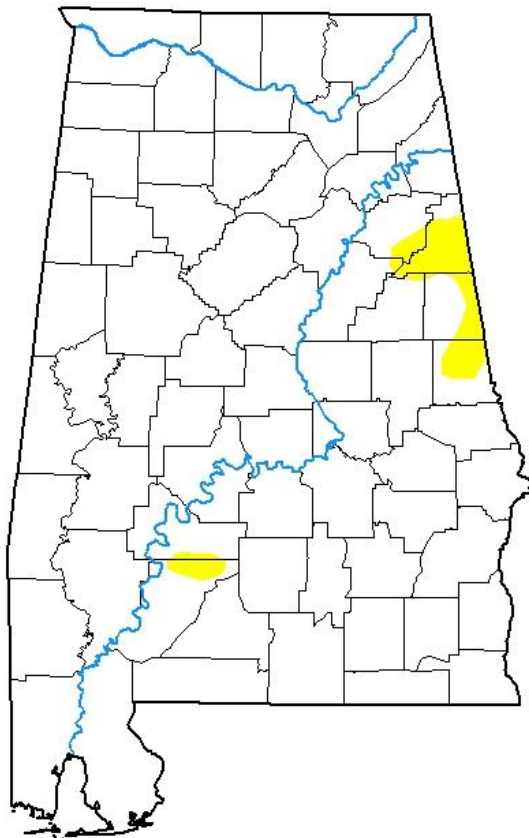


Average Temperature (°F)
April 12, 2021 to April 18, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 13, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 15, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.59	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-06-2021	94.71	5.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-12-2021	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 04-14-2020	73.98	26.02	3.59	0.34	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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