



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 25, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches of rain to 5.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

Crops

Northern counties experienced a midweek frost. Weekend storms brought much needed rain to northern and central areas, but also delivered pockets of hail. Producers were in the process of assessing potential frost and hail damage. Prior to the weekend rain, dry conditions in northern counties required the employment of irrigation for the first time this year. Soybean planting began. Hay cutting picked up pace.

In southern counties, many producers were able to resume row crop planting that had been delayed by frequent rain events. However, weekend storms caused surplus soil moisture to persist in some areas. Some farmers were considering replanting corn fields damaged by flooding. Producers were keeping an eye on soil temperatures in anticipation of planting cotton and peanuts.

Livestock and Pastures

Pasture work comprised mainly of fertility and weed management. Cool temperatures held back forages some. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	73	60	79	76
Corn - Emerged.....	54	20	48	56
Cotton - Planted	8	2	5	8
Hay - 1st Cutting	13	4	16	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	4	0	7	5
Winter wheat - Headed.....	81	36	73	75

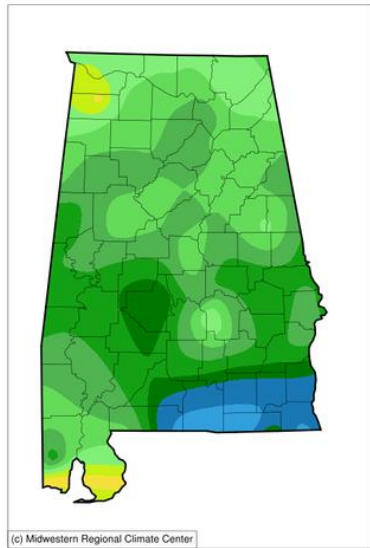
Conditions for Week Ending 04/25/21

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	10	71	16
Pasture and range	1	2	14	74	9
Winter wheat	1	2	16	72	9

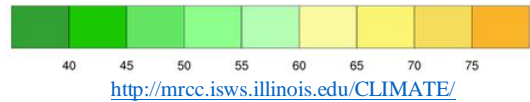
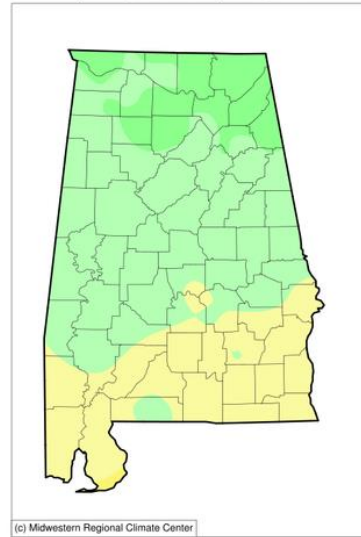
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/25/21

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short	1	2
Adequate	70	68
Surplus.....	28	28
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short	2	3
Adequate	82	80
Surplus.....	15	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021

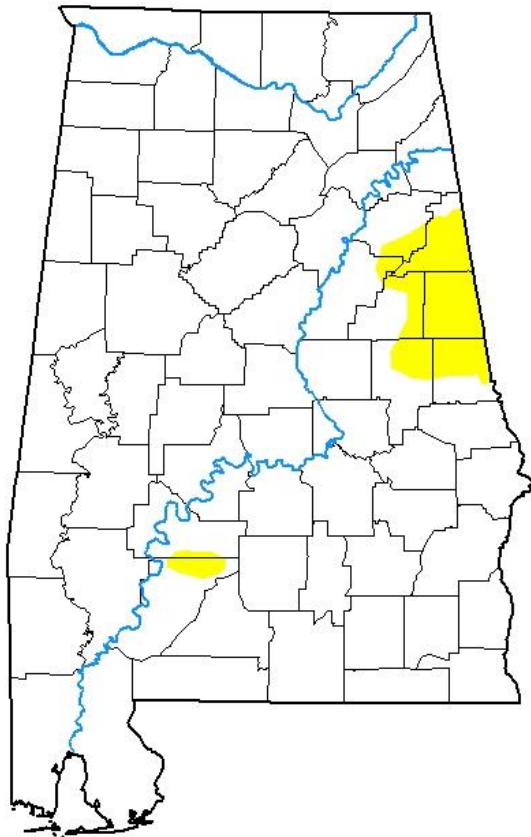


Average Temperature (°F)
April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 20, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.58	4.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-13-2021	97.59	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-19-2021	76.67	23.33	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 04-21-2020	89.17	10.83	3.59	0.50	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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