



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 2, 2021. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Northern counties had good progress made for planting row crops last week. Corn has begun emerging and some hay has been harvested. Winter wheat is progressing nicely. Producers are hoping that the low temperatures and frost that we received the previous weeks did not harm any crops already in the field. Favorable weather resulted in many acres of corn, soybeans and cotton being planted. Strawberry harvest is in full swing and producers are reporting above average yields.

Growers in southern counties replanted corn in some parts of the fields. Overall corn looks good and healthy. Many growers started to plant peanuts and cotton last week, while others plan to start this week depending on the amount of precipitation. In other areas, the dry week allowed farmers to continue planting and catch up on other activities.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Lots of hay and haylage was cut this week as the weather allowed for some harvesting to begin. Livestock continued to be in good condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/02/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	87	79	90	88
Corn - Emerged .....	70	48	74	72
Cotton - Planted.....	18	5	17	20
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	34	16	31	26
Peanuts - Planted .....	14	7	15	14
Soybeans - Planted .....	5	NA	2	6
Winter wheat - Headed .....	91	73	80	87

(NA) Not available.

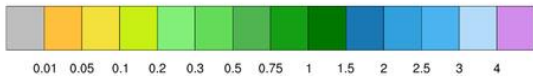
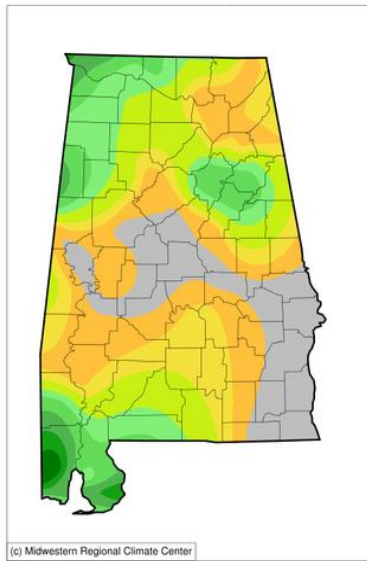
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/02/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	9	72	16
Pasture and range ....	1	2	15	70	12
Winter wheat.....	0	0	13	77	10

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/02/21**

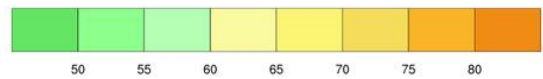
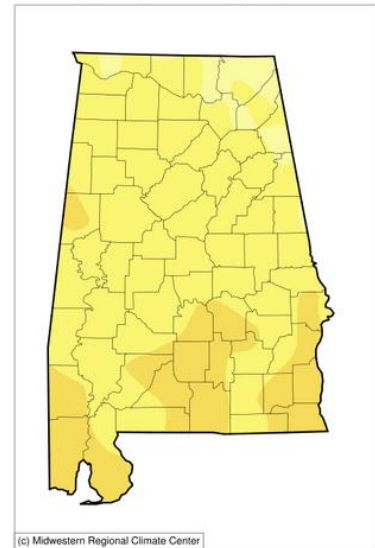
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	2	2
Adequate.....	68	87
Surplus.....	28	10
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	3	3
Adequate.....	80	86
Surplus.....	15	10

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021



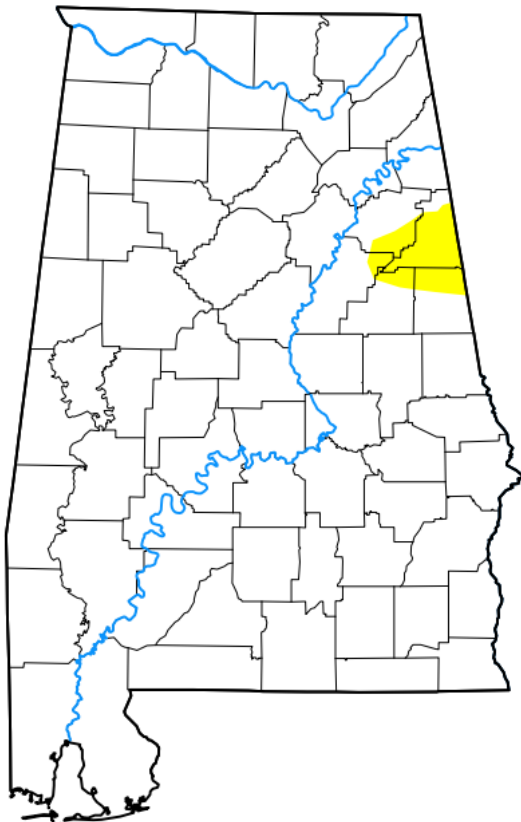
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**April 27, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 29, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	98.04	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-20-2021</i>	95.58	4.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-26-2021</i>	74.99	25.01	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	92.45	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-28-2020</i>	91.35	8.65	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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