



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 1, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

A second consecutive week of sunny and relatively dry conditions allowed producers ample time for fieldwork. Ideal conditions allowed corn planting to progress rapidly. Some low-lying fields were reportedly still too wet to plant in central Alabama. Cotton planting progressed as some producers were finishing preparing and spraying their fields for planting. Peanut producers reported to have finished up field preparations and anticipate planting to ramp up in the following week if weather permits. Wheat and oats were reported to be in good condition as fields received fungicide applications.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture were in mostly good condition throughout the state. Cattle farmers in some areas plan to limit fertilizer applications due to increased costs of chemicals and nutrients. Some livestock operations are skipping altogether, choosing to correct acidity with lime and manage weeds with herbicides when necessary.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/22**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	88	65	79	86
Corn - Emerged .....	70	37	60	69
Cotton - Planted.....	15	1	12	16
Hay - First Cutting.....	29	5	18	26
Peanuts - Planted.....	14	3	6	13
Soybeans - Planted.....	2	0	2	3
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	79	66	75	85

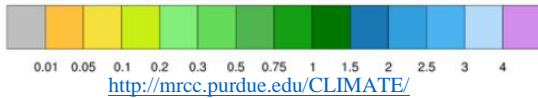
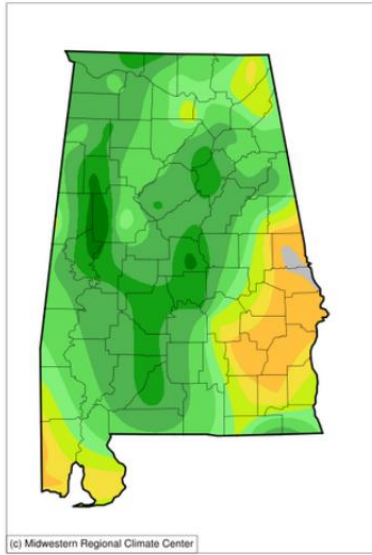
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/01/22**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	9	84	5
Pasture and Range...	0	4	13	76	7
Winter Wheat.....	1	1	2	80	16

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/22**

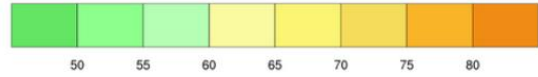
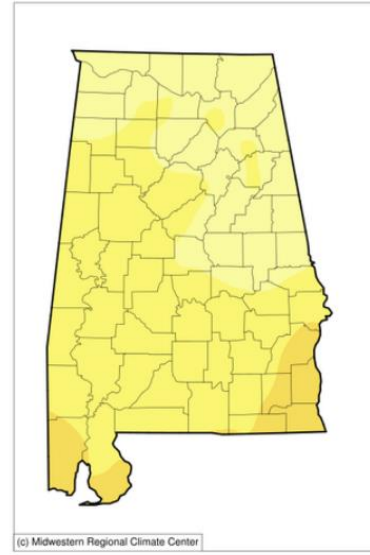
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	4	4
Adequate .....	85	88
Surplus .....	11	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	0
Short.....	2	3
Adequate .....	82	89
Surplus .....	15	8

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 25, 2022 to May 01, 2022



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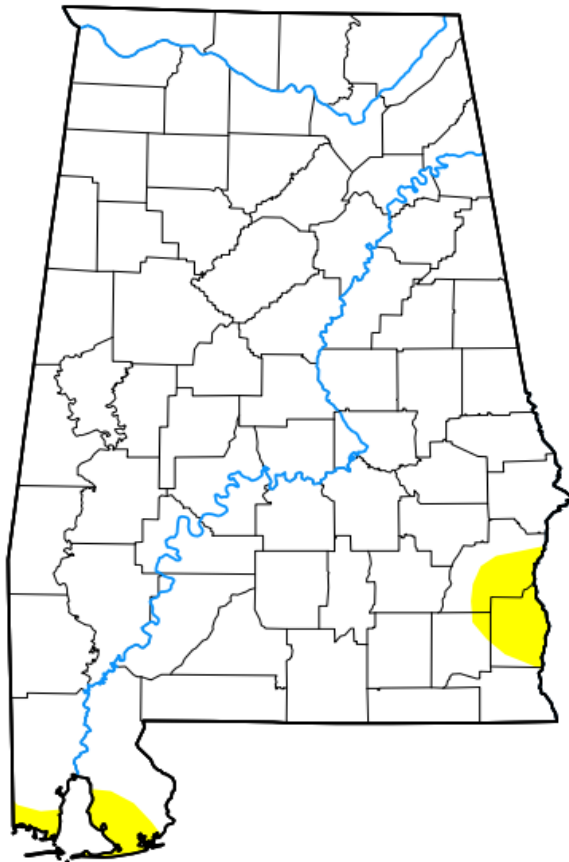
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 25, 2022 to May 01, 2022



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**April 26, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 28, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-19-2022	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-25-2022	82.74	17.26	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-27-2021	98.04	1.96	0.00	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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