



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 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.9 inches to 3.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

The Northern and Southern parts of the state received moderate to heavy rainfall, while Central Alabama experienced light rains throughout the week. The counties in the areas with heavy rainfall experienced limited time in the fields and heavy winds. The windy, wet conditions slowed spraying and planting activities but improved soil conditions for some counties. For farmers in Central Alabama, many producers fertilized pastures and prepared fields for planting. Winter wheat was in mostly good condition and progressed normally. Many producers made progress on corn planted when the weather allowed and are anticipating peanuts and cotton planting to be in full swing soon. Strawberries were reported to be in good condition and were harvested throughout the week.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and have improved with the warmer temperatures and rain received. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition. Some producers are still supplementing livestock with hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/14/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	44	17	25	48
Corn - Emerged.....	18	6	11	21
Cotton - Planted	2	0	1	1
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	NA	1	0
Winter wheat - Headed.....	31	23	51	36

(NA) Not available

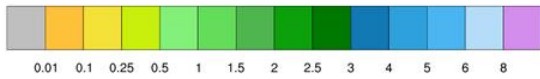
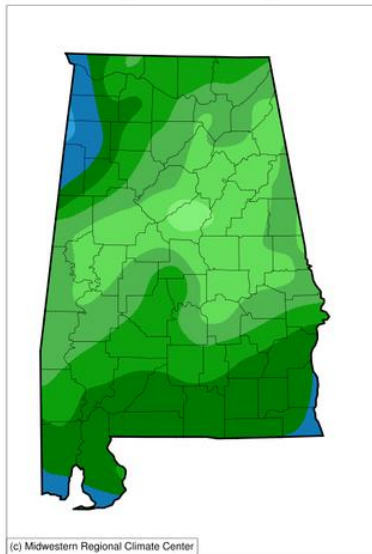
Conditions for Week Ending 04/14/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	12	78	9
Pasture and range	1	3	20	72	4
Winter wheat	0	1	21	64	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/14/24

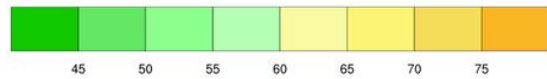
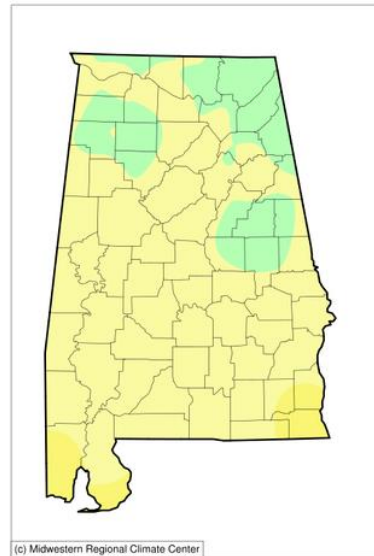
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short	9	5
Adequate	84	72
Surplus.....	5	23
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short	7	5
Adequate	85	76
Surplus.....	6	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024



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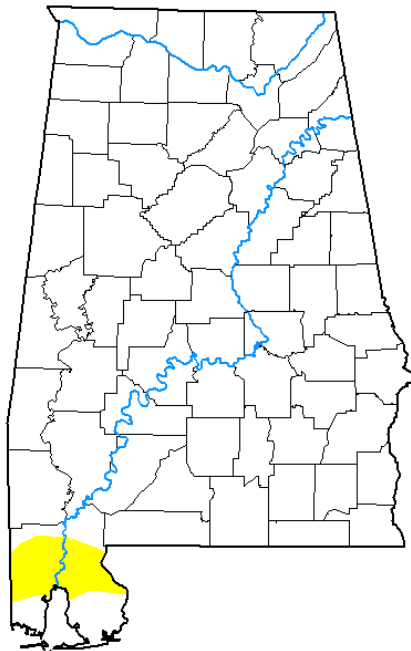
Average Temperature (°F)
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

April 9, 2024
(Released Thursday, Apr. 11, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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 <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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