



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 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Most of the central and northern counties in the state received adequate rainfall, while southern counties did not receive as much precipitation last week. High winds hindered fertilizer applications for some farmers. When the weather allowed, many farmers reported to be busy prepping the ground for planting. Winter wheat was improving with the warmer temperatures. Corn planted progressed as expected. Farmers in Central Alabama began planting peanuts and cotton. Strawberry crops suffered some loss due to excess rains received last week in Northern Alabama.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and have continued to improve with the warmer temperatures and rain received throughout the week. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/21/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	61	25	48	66
Corn - Emerged.....	35	11	29	39
Cotton - Planted .....	5	1	3	3
Hay - First Cutting.....	5	NA	4	5
Peanuts - Planted.....	3	1	1	2
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	0	2	0
Winter wheat - Headed.....	56	51	70	60

(NA) Not available

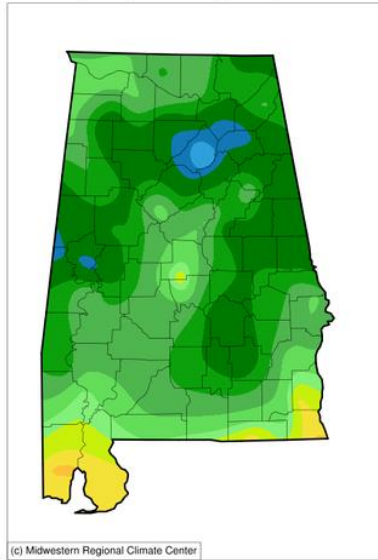
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/21/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	0	10	81	9
Pasture and range ....	0	1	18	74	7
Winter wheat .....	1	1	20	61	17

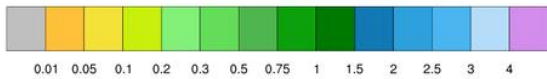
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/21/24**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short .....	5	4
Adequate .....	72	79
Surplus.....	23	16
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short .....	5	7
Adequate .....	76	75
Surplus.....	17	17

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024

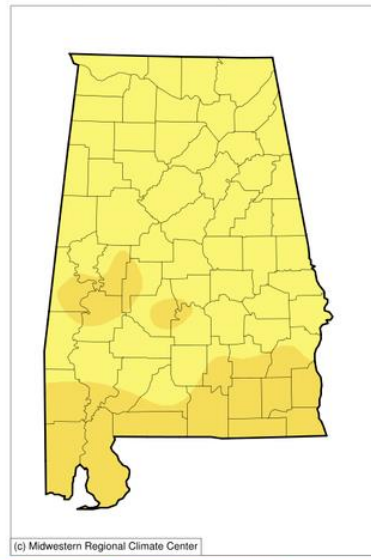


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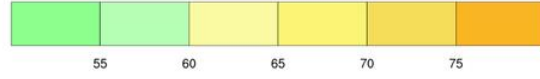


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024



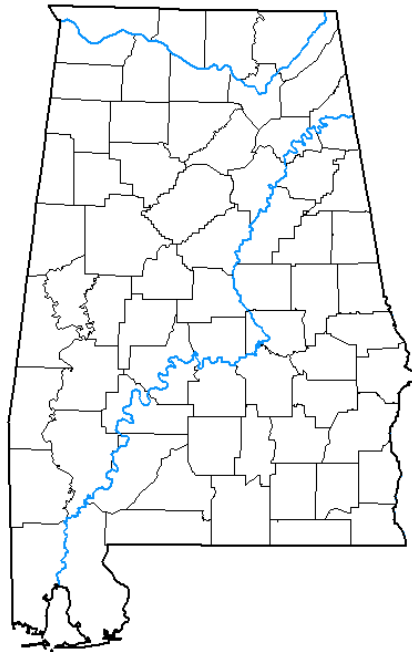
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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**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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