



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.

April 29, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 28, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1 inch. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received little to no rainfall throughout the week. Producers in Central Alabama had some delay due to sporadic rain. Overall, the localized showers allowed producers throughout the state to make great progress on spring planting and field preparation. Winter wheat has steadily improved with the warmer temperatures. Corn and soybeans planted made good progress with the favorable weather last week. Farmers also continued planting cotton and peanuts. Producers in Tuscaloosa County were nearly complete with their first round of hay cutting.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and have steadily improved with the warmer temperatures. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/28/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	75	48	69	80
Corn - Emerged.....	59	29	46	60
Cotton - Planted .....	13	3	8	10
Hay - First Cutting.....	12	4	19	16
Peanuts - Planted.....	10	1	4	8
Soybeans - Planted.....	4	2	9	2
Winter wheat - Headed.....	78	70	81	79

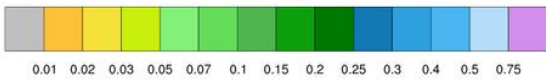
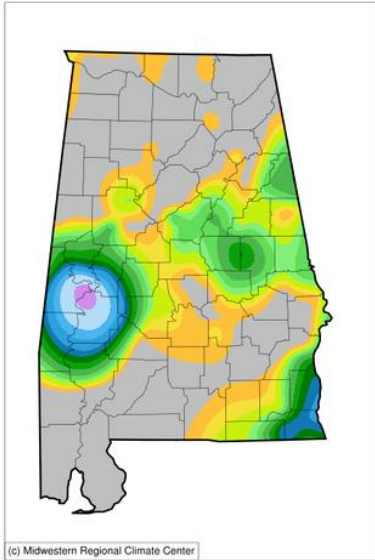
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/28/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	12	84	3
Pasture and range ....	1	1	22	72	4
Winter wheat .....	1	1	21	59	18

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/28/24**

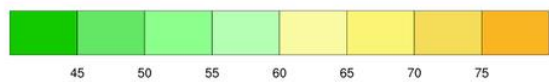
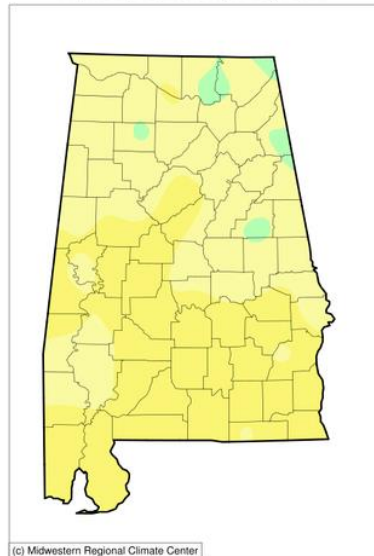
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short .....	4	9
Adequate .....	79	77
Surplus.....	16	12
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short .....	7	10
Adequate .....	75	77
Surplus.....	17	11

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 22, 2024 to April 28, 2024



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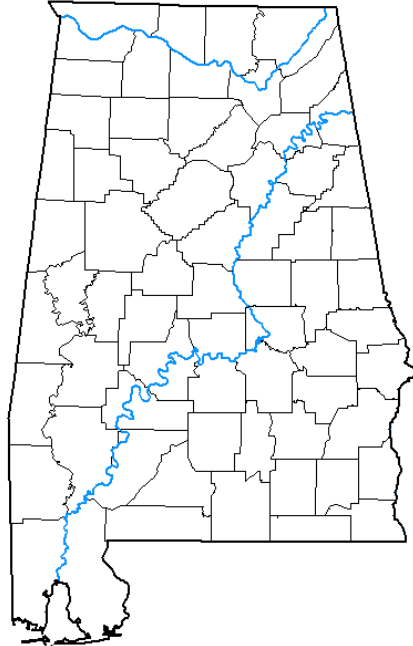
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 22, 2024 to April 28, 2024



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**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**Alabama**

**April 23, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 25, 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 <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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