



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 8, 2024

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced light rainfall and cooler than normal temperatures. The ground was still too cool to plant row crops in many areas of the state. In areas where operators were able to conduct field work, corn planting progressed slowly. Many producers have begun burning cover crops and spraying fertilizer where adequate wind speeds allowed preparation for spring planting. Winter wheat progressed as expected and improved in many areas but was slowed by the recent cold front in others. Strawberry harvest continued throughout the week.

Livestock and Pastures

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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/7/24

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	29	10	17	29
Corn - Emerged.....	12	4	6	12
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	16	8	23	17

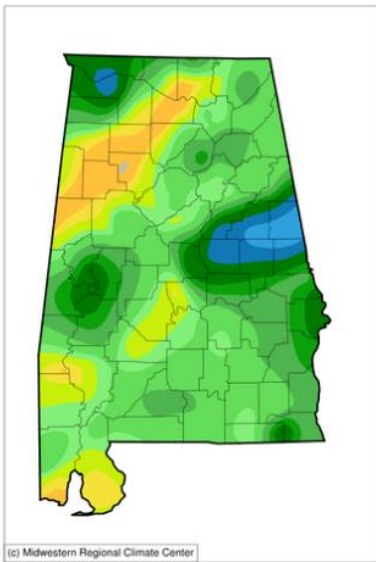
Conditions for Week Ending 4/7/24

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	21	66	12
Cattle.....	0	1	20	68	11
Pasture and range	0	5	28	60	7

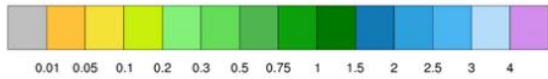
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/7/24

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short	3	9
Adequate	84	84
Surplus.....	11	5
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short	6	7
Adequate	83	85
Surplus.....	9	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024

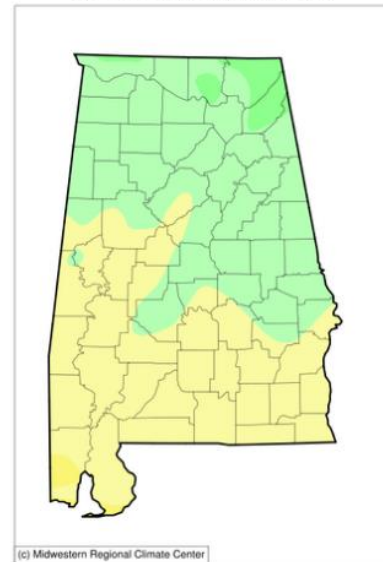


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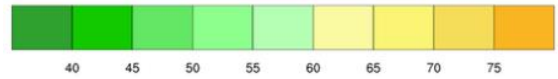


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Average Temperature (°F)
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



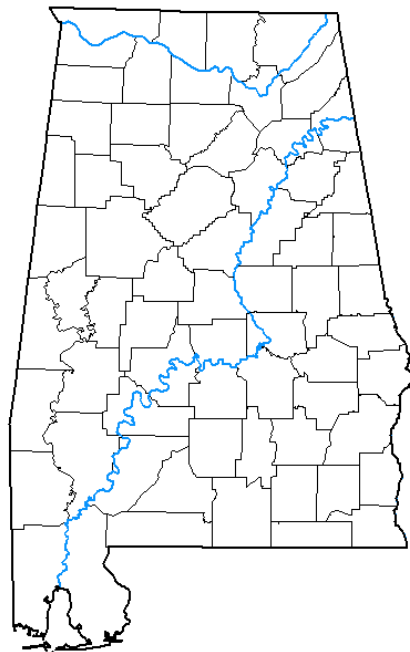
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

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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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