



**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.

May 6, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 5, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.7 inches to 4.8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received light showers with the northern part of the state receiving heavier rain throughout the week. Producers were generally able to make good progress in the fields last week. Overall, winter wheat crops were reported to have steadily improved; however, some producers in Central Alabama destroyed wheat that was determined poor quality. Corn, cotton, and peanuts planted progressed well throughout the week. Some timely rains would be welcomed by peanut producers trying to start planting this week. Producers continued with hay cutting.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition and continued to improve with favorable weather conditions. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/05/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	87	69	83	89
Corn - Emerged.....	75	46	67	77
Cotton - Planted .....	26	8	21	24
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	21	19	36	33
Peanuts - Planted.....	22	4	12	19
Soybeans - Planted.....	12	9	21	8
Winter wheat - Headed.....	88	81	85	88

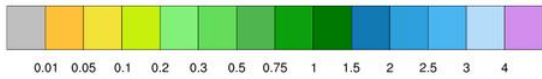
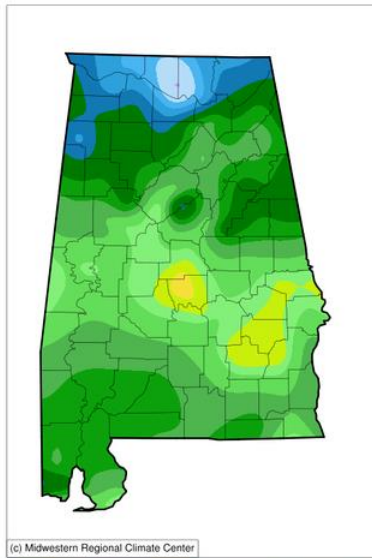
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/05/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	1	14	81	4
Corn .....	0	0	10	89	1
Pasture and range ....	1	3	15	77	4
Winter wheat .....	0	1	29	66	4

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/05/24**

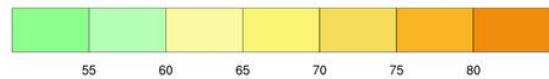
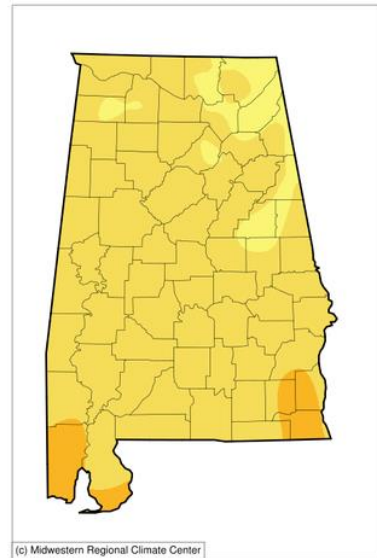
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	3
Short .....	9	18
Adequate .....	77	76
Surplus.....	12	3
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	2
Short .....	10	20
Adequate .....	77	75
Surplus.....	11	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 29, 2024 to May 05, 2024



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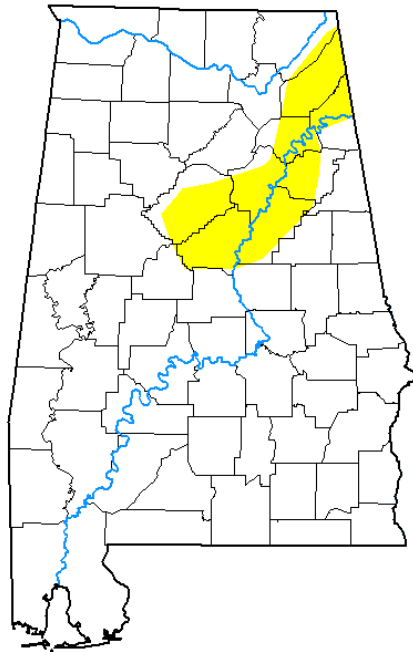
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 29, 2024 to May 05, 2024



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

**April 30, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, May 2, 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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