



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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 5, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

Crops

Ground preparations for corn, soybeans, cotton, and peanuts were underway. Producers were tilling ground, and applying burn-down and fertilizer applications. Fields were still too wet in some areas for planting preparations. Corn planting had already started in some areas with some emerging. Wheat condition is improving with drier conditions, however some of the crop was stunted from the heavy rains a few weeks ago. Strawberry fields were looking good. Some potatoes were being planted as conditions dried up.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were greening and drying out in most areas. Producers have been applying herbicide and fertilizer application to pastures. Pastures in some areas were not coming in fast enough for cattle producers that have been supplemental feeding and running out of hay supplies for the past few months.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/05/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	42	NA	20	25
Corn - Emerged	12	NA	10	10
Cotton - Planted	0	NA	0	0
Winter wheat - Headed..	14	NA	18	12

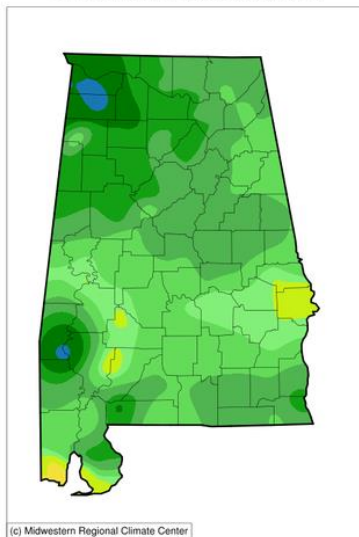
Conditions for Week Ending 04/05/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	29	63	5
Pasture and range	2	2	37	57	2
Winter wheat	0	2	35	62	1

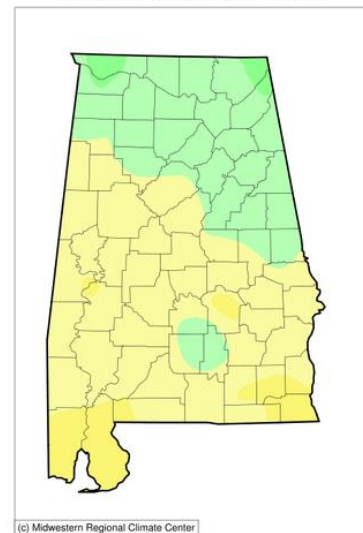
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/05/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	NA	3
Short	NA	13
Adequate	NA	72
Surplus	NA	12
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	NA	3
Short	NA	9
Adequate	NA	75
Surplus	NA	13

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020

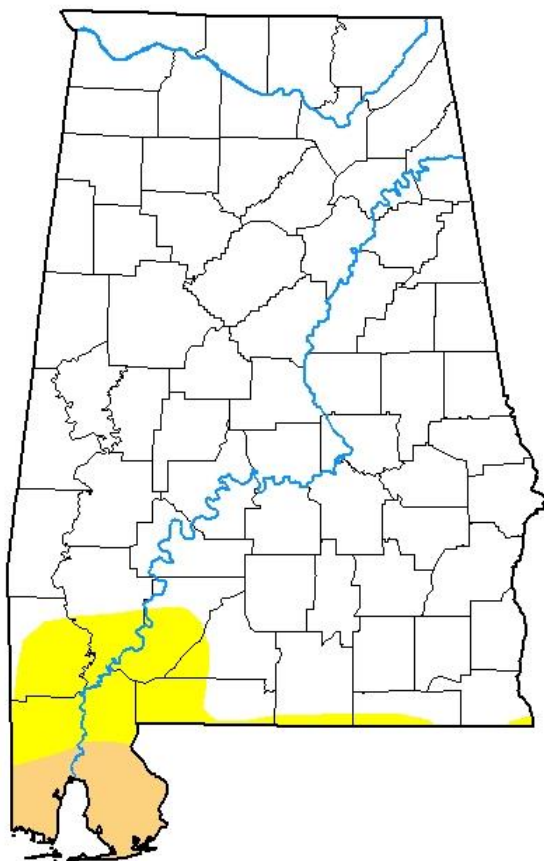


Average Temperature (°F)
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

March 31, 2020
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.90	11.10	3.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-24-2020	91.34	8.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
One Year Ago 04-02-2019	56.72	43.28	16.47	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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