



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Cold and wet weather conditions continued. Cool season forages are looking good. The peach crop is also looking good at this point. Strawberry harvesting began. Some hail damage was reported to berry fields, but there was minimal loss. Plastic is being laid for summer vegetable crops.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Burn down and fertilizer applications are ramping up as some fields have dried out enough for fieldwork. Corn planting is underway.

Jeffrey Smith, Elmore County

We received some much needed rainfall which continue to add moisture to the soil. Corn planting has begun and is progressing well. Wheat conditions look good right now.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Recent rainfall and consistently warmer temperatures should help planted corn to emerge, as well as encourage more planting.

Gavin Mauldin, Coffee County

Some corn planting took place this week. Pastures are trying to rally after the cool spells of the last couple of weeks.

James Jones Jr., Henry County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/01/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	17	NA	11	14
Corn - Emerged	6	NA	2	6
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Winter wheat - Headed	12	NA	8	4

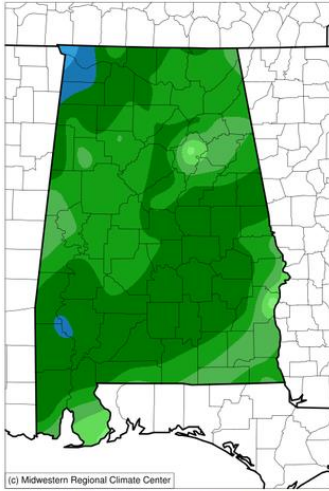
Conditions for Week Ending 04/01/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	12	78	8
Pasture and range	1	2	16	73	8
Winter wheat.....	0	0	22	73	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/01/18

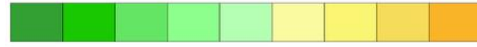
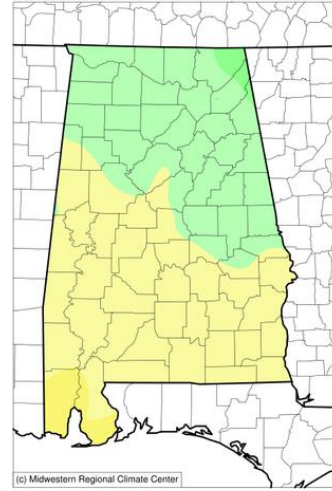
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	2
Short.....	7	11	6
Adequate	71	71	65
Surplus	21	16	27
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	NA
Short.....	8	10	NA
Adequate	72	71	NA
Surplus	19	16	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



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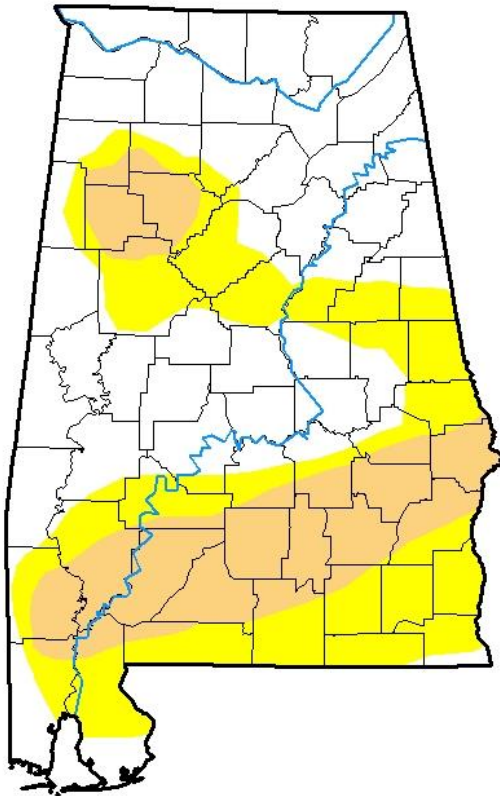
Average Temperature (°F)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

March 27, 2018
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.25	48.75	20.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-20-2018	65.93	34.07	17.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-26-2017	38.82	61.18	16.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-28-2017	9.36	90.64	37.68	12.14	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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