



**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 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 8, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.65 inches of rain up to 1.94 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to high 50s.

County Comments

Cool soil conditions continued. Plastic was laid for early tomatoes and other summer vegetable crops. Strawberry harvest well underway and volume picked up. Peach crop got by the potential freezing temperatures unharmed.

Dan Porch, Blount County

Frequent rains and frosts delayed fieldwork. Some debris in fields, fence and structure repairs needed due to tornadoes in some areas from Ohatchee to Pleasant Valley to Nances Creek areas.

David West, Calhoun County

Corn planting progressing at a fast pace. Cotton plantings should begin in the next week. Pastures beginning to rebound from cool snap of the last two weeks. Small grains progressing.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

Rainfall in the Wiregrass has been just enough to wet the soil over the last two weeks. Weather conditions have been more favorable for fieldwork. Most of the corn has been planted but soil temperatures are still too low for planting peanuts. Pastures are greening up. Corn and some early produces are emerging despite cooler temperatures.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/08/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	30	17	27	27
Corn - Emerged	14	6	15	10
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	0
Winter wheat - Headed	28	12	21	12

Conditions for Week Ending 04/08/18

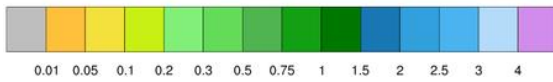
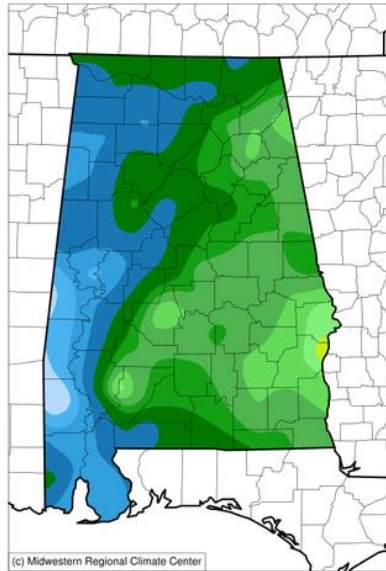
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	13	75	8
Pasture and range	1	3	16	70	10
Winter wheat.....	0	1	33	62	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/08/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	1	1	2
Short.....	6	7	4
Adequate	76	71	62
Surplus	17	21	32

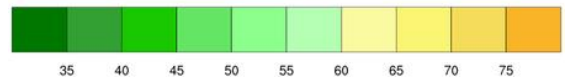
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	1	1	NA
Short.....	5	8	NA
Adequate	77	72	NA
Surplus	17	19	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 02, 2018 to April 08, 2018



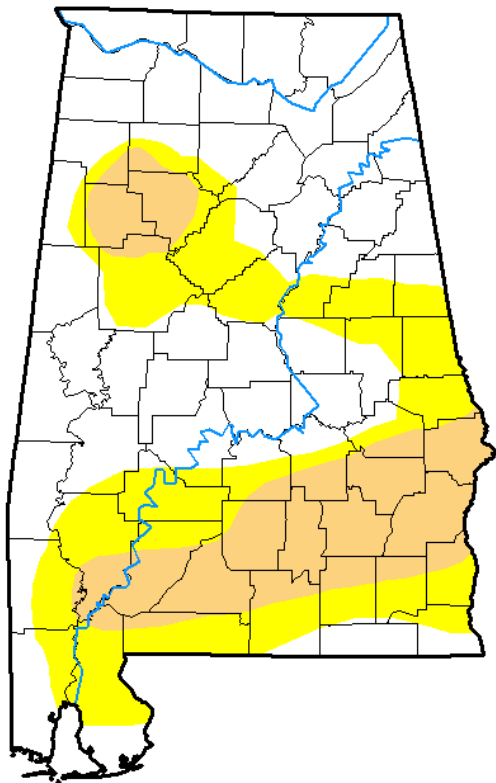
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 02, 2018 to April 08, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



April 3, 2018

(Released Thursday, Apr. 5, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.39	45.61	18.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-27-2018</i>	51.25	48.75	20.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-02-2018</i>	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	19.01	80.99	26.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-04-2017</i>	18.36	81.64	26.17	4.87	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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