



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.10 inches of rain up to 4.46 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to mid 50s.

County Comments

Fieldwork continues in the Wiregrass in preparation for planting cotton and peanuts. Very little corn is left to be planted.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Cool temperatures and damp soil have slowed burndown activity and delayed planting dates for corn. Warm season pastures are slow to green up due to late frosts several weeks ago and continued cool temperatures.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Crops continue to look good at this time. Grass for hay and grazing are above normal at this time.

Carol Nicholson, Bullock County

Burndown and corn planting continues. Rain moved through this weekend giving much needed moisture to fields.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Planting of cotton and peanuts will begin with a fury right after the rain event this weekend when soil conditions allow.

William Birdsong, Coffee County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/15/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	49	30	53	46
Corn - Emerged	23	14	28	20
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	0	1
Winter wheat - Headed	36	28	49	26

Conditions for Week Ending 04/15/18

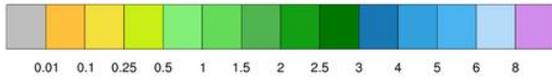
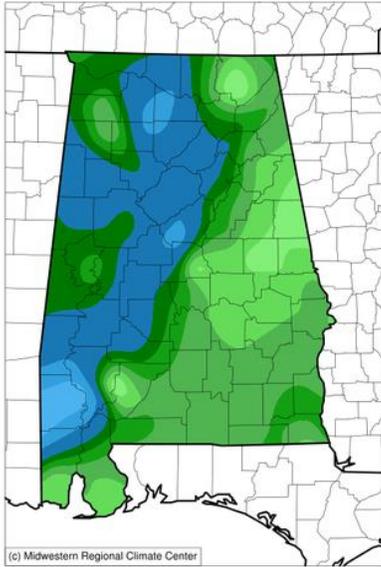
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	11	76	8
Pasture and range	2	4	15	70	9
Winter wheat.....	0	1	29	67	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/15/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	2
Short.....	3	6	5
Adequate	73	76	53
Surplus	23	17	40

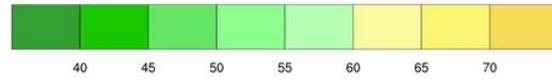
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	NA
Short.....	3	5	NA
Adequate	77	77	NA
Surplus	19	17	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018



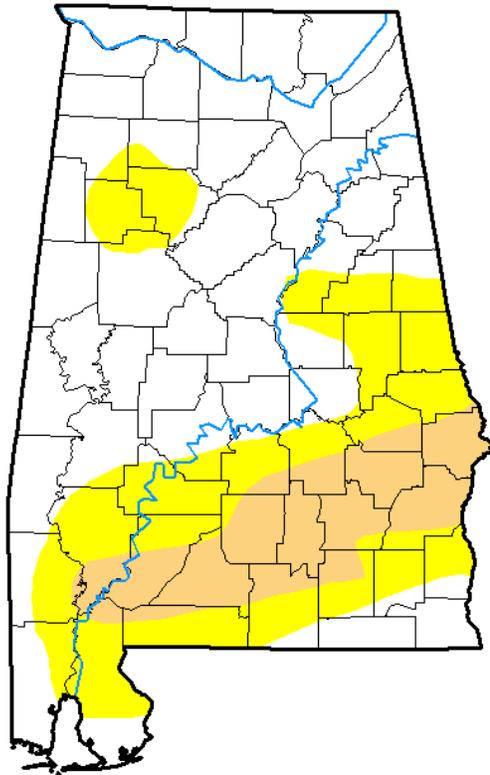
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 10, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.53	40.47	13.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-03-2018	54.39	45.61	18.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-09-2018	10.45	89.55	53.31	0.49	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 04-11-2017	18.36	81.64	21.69	2.67	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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