



**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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 22, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.91 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Cooler than normal soil temperatures persist in the Wiregrass area causing row crop farmers to delay planting cotton and peanuts. Most of the corn that has emerged is looking good. Expecting good rainfall into the early part of the week.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Good week for planting corn and other crops. Operations were thinning peaches and planting spring vegetable crops. Very windy conditions during the week made spray applications to crops impossible to very difficult.

Dan Porch, Blount County

As a result of frost and cool damp conditions warm season forages have been slow to green up and crop planting has been slow.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Corn has been a little stressed due to the temperatures dropping. Producers are making preparations in the field to plant and are hoping for some good warm sunshine.

Karen McDonald, Monroe County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/22/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	62	49	74	60
Corn - Emerged	32	23	53	37
Cotton - Planted.....	3	1	3	6
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted	2	NA	1	3
Winter wheat - Headed	59	36	80	46

Conditions for Week Ending 04/22/18

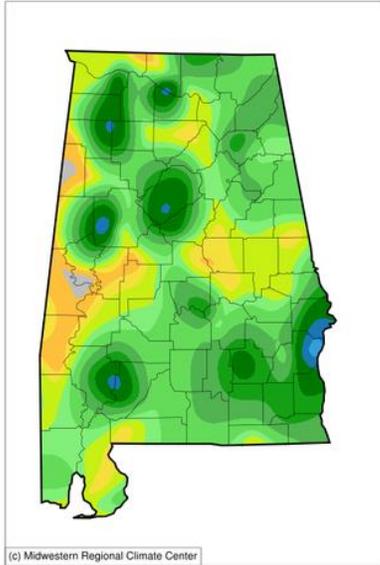
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	4	12	76	8
Pasture and range	0	3	18	70	9
Winter wheat.....	0	1	32	64	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/22/18

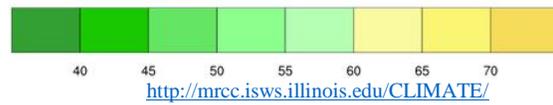
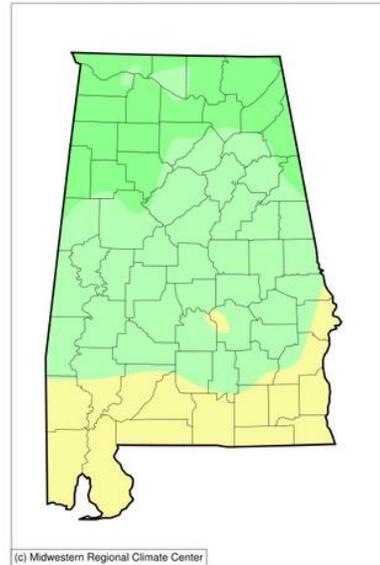
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	3
Short.....	2	3	8
Adequate	66	73	64
Surplus	31	23	25

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	NA
Short.....	3	3	NA
Adequate	72	77	NA
Surplus	24	19	NA

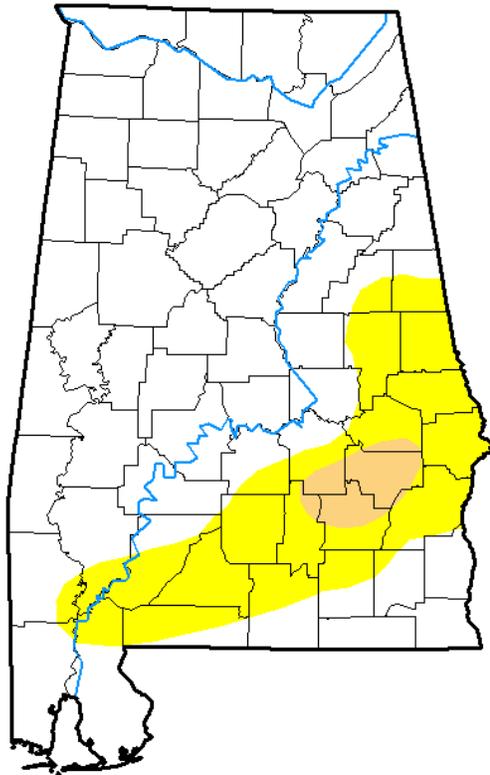
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 16, 2018 to April 22, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
April 16, 2018 to April 22, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



April 17, 2018

(Released Thursday, Apr. 19, 2018)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.01	22.99	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-10-2018	59.53	40.47	13.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-16-2018	7.21	92.79	60.63	6.50	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 04-18-2017	6.84	93.16	42.71	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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