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

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

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U.S. Drought Monitor
Alabama

April 17, 2018
(Released Thursday, Apr. 19, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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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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