



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 29, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.68 inches of rain up to 4.72 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Cool soil conditions continued. Received some good rainfall this week. Peanut and cotton plantings are a little behind normal. Some hay cuttings this week.

James Jones Jr, Henry County

County is still experiencing unseasonably cool overnight and early morning temperatures. Spring planting is behind schedule due to rain.

Belinda Woods, Cullman County

Grass for hay and grazing are really good at this time. Received adequate rainfall. Corn has been planted and crops such as cotton, peanuts and soybeans are being planted at this time.

Carol Nicholson, Bullock County

Frost continued. Some corn that was planted early will have to be replanted due to wet conditions this week. Fungicide had to be flown on wheat as producers could not get through the fields.

Tim Malone, Marion County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/29/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	71	62	86	75
Corn - Emerged	50	32	74	57
Cotton - Planted.....	9	3	10	13
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	15	2	25	NA
Peanuts - Planted	12	2	6	8
Soybeans - Planted	1	0	NA	NA
Winter wheat - Headed	75	59	89	68

Conditions for Week Ending 04/29/18

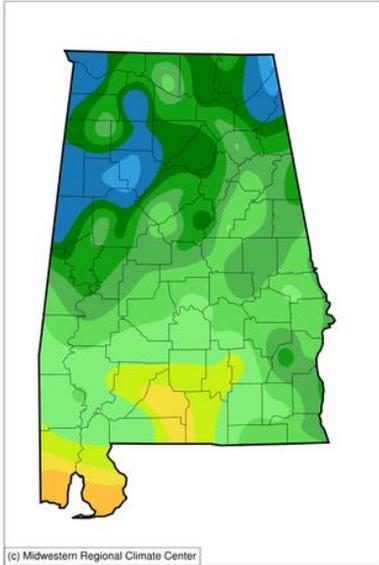
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	14	73	10
Pasture and range	0	3	16	69	12
Winter wheat.....	0	0	33	63	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/29/18

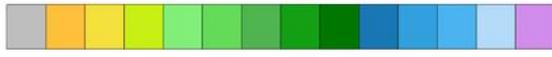
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	3
Short.....	3	2	8
Adequate	72	66	64
Surplus	25	31	25

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	1	NA
Short.....	2	3	NA
Adequate	74	72	NA
Surplus	24	24	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 23, 2018 to April 29, 2018



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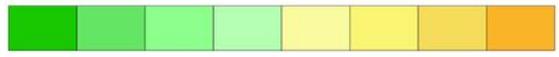
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 23, 2018 to April 29, 2018



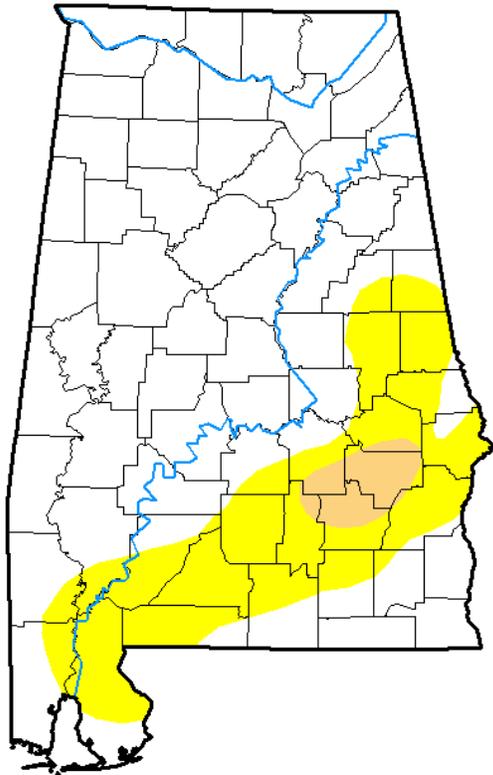
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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



April 24, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.37	24.63	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-17-2018</i>	77.01	22.99	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-23-2018</i>	0.00	100.00	77.10	19.02	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>04-25-2017</i>	13.28	86.72	38.65	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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