



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 6, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.74 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Cotton planting continued. Peanut planting began and moved along quickly with the dry conditions. Wheat is starting to dry down. Rain is needed across the area.

Allie Corcoran, Barbour County

Warmer and drier weather benefited farm activities. Warm season forages are green and growing as cool season forages begin to mature. Corn planting picked up the pace as preparations for other crops began.

Henry Dorough, Talladega County

Cotton and peanut planting was in full gear. Farmers took advantage of the dry condition to get their crops in the ground as quickly as possible. Cattleman were busy cutting hay and fertilizing their hay fields.

Willie Durr, Houston County

Good week for getting row crops planted given warmer temperatures and drier conditions. Harvesting of hay underway. Planting of summer vegetable crops continued and winding up thinning of peaches.

Dan Porph, Blount County

1 Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/06/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	88	71	91	86
Corn - Emerged	67	50	81	70
Cotton - Planted.....	32	9	32	27
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	33	15	39	NA
Peanuts - Planted	30	12	21	15
Soybeans - Planted	15	1	17	14
Winter wheat - Headed....	91	75	93	84

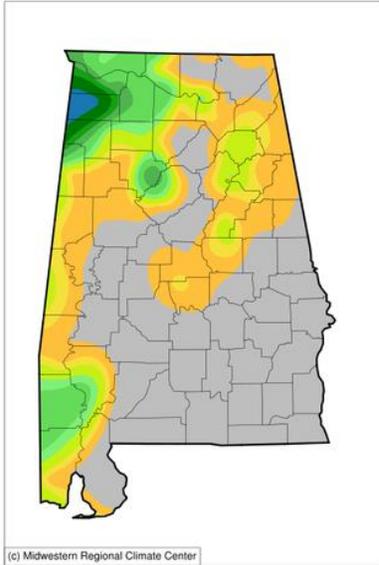
2 Conditions for Week Ending 05/06/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	13	79	6
Corn	0	0	8	82	10
Pasture and range	0	2	13	71	14
Winter wheat.....	0	1	27	67	5

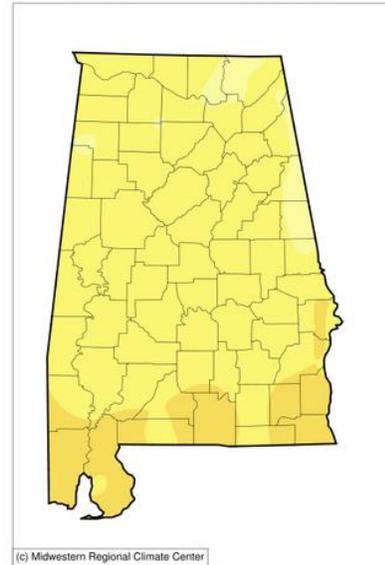
3 Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/06/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	0	1
Short.....	21	3	11
Adequate	65	72	67
Surplus	8	25	21
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	0	NA
Short.....	13	2	NA
Adequate	76	74	NA
Surplus	9	24	NA

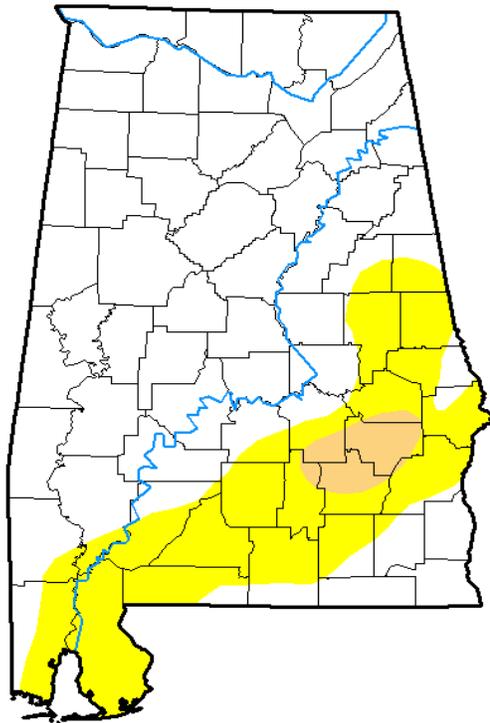
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 30, 2018 to May 06, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
April 30, 2018 to May 06, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



May 1, 2018
(Released Thursday, May 3, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	73.05	26.95	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-24-2018	75.37	24.63	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-30-2018	0.00	100.00	86.90	46.37	2.71	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 05-02-2017	23.19	76.81	32.03	1.50	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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