



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Alabama Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

April 6, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 5, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

Ground preparations for corn, soybeans, cotton, and peanuts were underway. Producers were tilling ground, and applying burn-down and fertilizer applications. Fields were still too wet in some areas for planting preparations. Corn planting had already started in some areas with some emerging. Wheat condition is improving with drier conditions, however some of the crop was stunted from the heavy rains a few weeks ago. Strawberry fields were looking good. Some potatoes were being planted as conditions dried up.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were greening and drying out in most areas. Producers have been applying herbicide and fertilizer application to pastures. Pastures in some areas were not coming in fast enough for cattle producers that have been supplemental feeding and running out of hay supplies for the past few months.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/05/20**

| Crop stage              | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                         | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)  |
| Corn - Planted .....    | 42        | NA        | 20        | 25         |
| Corn - Emerged.....     | 12        | NA        | 10        | 10         |
| Cotton - Planted .....  | 0         | NA        | 0         | 0          |
| Winter wheat - Headed.. | 14        | NA        | 18        | 12         |

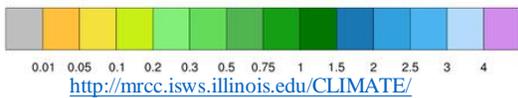
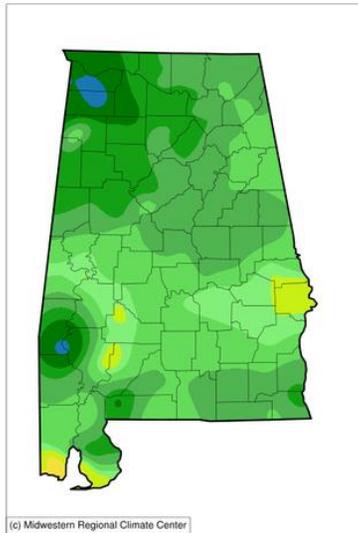
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/05/20**

| Crop              | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                   | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle.....       | 0         | 3         | 29        | 63        | 5         |
| Pasture and range | 2         | 2         | 37        | 57        | 2         |
| Winter wheat..... | 0         | 2         | 35        | 62        | 1         |

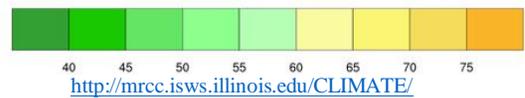
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/05/20**

| Topsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | NA            | 3         |
| Short .....     | NA            | 13        |
| Adequate .....  | NA            | 72        |
| Surplus.....    | NA            | 12        |
| Subsoil         | Previous week | This week |
|                 | (percent)     | (percent) |
| Very short..... | NA            | 3         |
| Short .....     | NA            | 9         |
| Adequate .....  | NA            | 75        |
| Surplus.....    | NA            | 13        |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020

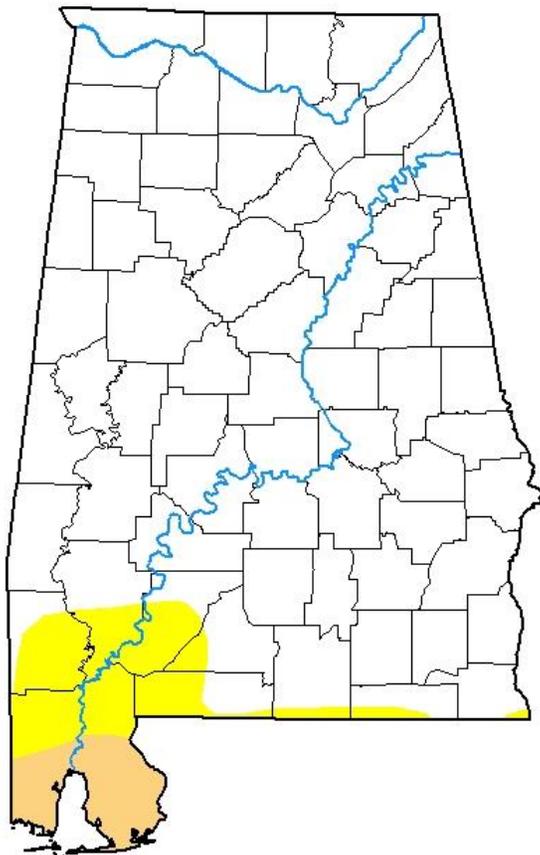


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**March 31, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None   | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 88.90  | 11.10  | 3.43  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-24-2020              | 91.34  | 8.66   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-31-2019           | 100.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2019 | 100.00 | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-01-2019    | 0.00   | 100.00 | 35.36 | 11.99 | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-02-2019           | 56.72  | 43.28  | 16.47 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

**Intensity:**

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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