



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 20, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2020. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain up to 8.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Fieldwork was slowed last week due to severe weather and flooding along with cool temperatures that entered the state. Corn planting continued in upland fields as bottomlands were still too wet for fieldwork. Burndown and fertilizer were being applied. Cotton and peanut planting was in full swing in the lower part of the state. Producers are preparing for the first cutting of hay. Strawberry harvesting slowed due to the weather conditions, but resumed later in the week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pasture development was slowed by cooler weather. Last week's storms left downed trees, damaged fences, and standing water in pastures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/19/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	72	42	62	58
Corn - Emerged.....	48	20	37	37
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	5	2
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	1	NA	6	1
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	1	1
Winter wheat - Headed....	55	40	72	47

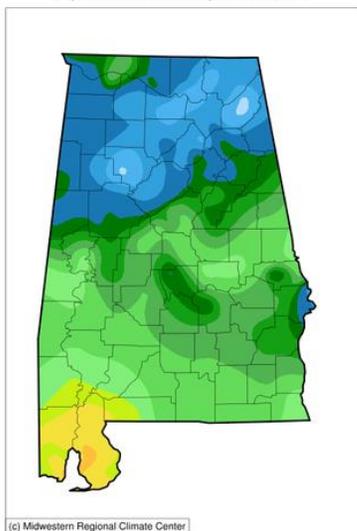
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/19/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	25	68	5
Pasture and range ..	1	3	32	58	6
Winter wheat .....	0	3	28	66	3

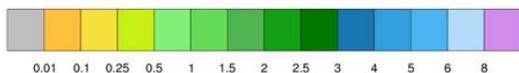
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/19/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2
Short .....	8	5
Adequate .....	71	60
Surplus.....	19	33
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short .....	8	6
Adequate .....	72	67
Surplus.....	19	25

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



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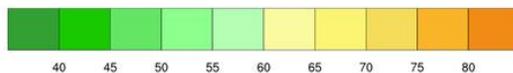


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**April 14, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.98	26.02	3.59	0.34	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-07-2020	60.95	39.05	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-14-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-16-2019	59.59	40.41	20.27	0.00	0.00	0.00

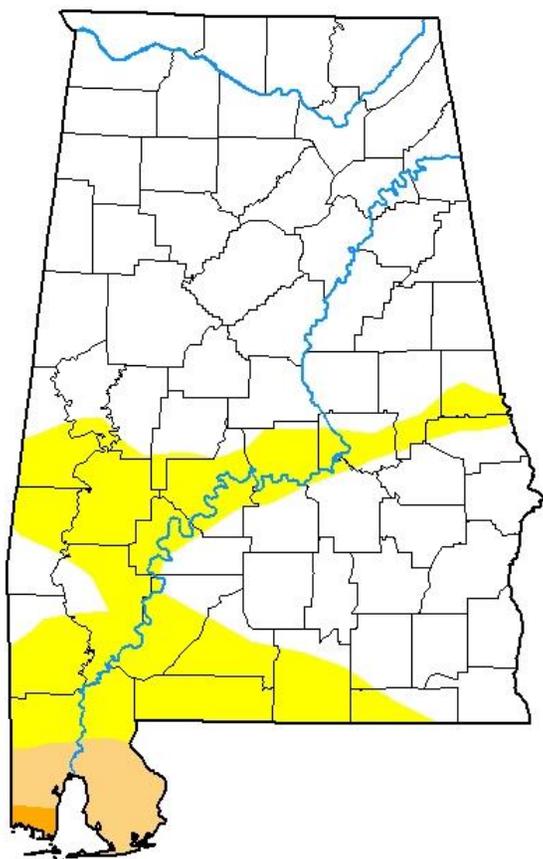
**Intensity:**

- 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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