



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.

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 3, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

Fieldwork ramped up across the state with less rainfall last week, compared to previous weeks. Producers were wrapping up with planting corn and applying nitrogen to the emerged corn crop. Cotton, soybean, and peanut planting were in full swing. Conditions were also dry enough for plenty of hay cutting and baling activity. Strawberry harvesting continued last week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were looking good with adequate rainfall and warm temperatures. Some pastures are still drying out from rainfall in previous weeks. Cattle were looking good.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted .....	92	75	89	84
Corn - Emerged .....	81	57	72	68
Cotton - Planted.....	22	9	20	21
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	28	14	37	24
Peanuts - Planted .....	14	5	15	16
Soybeans - Planted .....	2	NA	6	7
Winter wheat - Headed ...	90	82	92	86

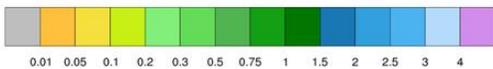
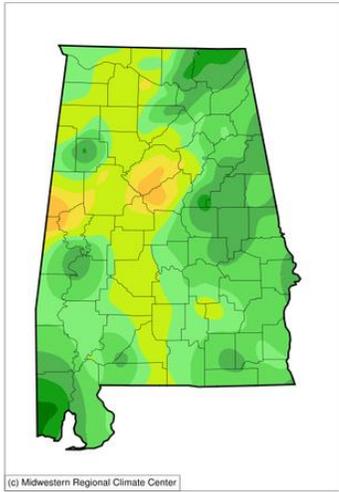
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/03/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	21	69	8
Corn .....	0	0	16	78	6
Pasture and range..	1	2	24	63	10
Winter wheat.....	2	3	20	65	10

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/20**

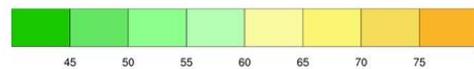
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	1	2
Adequate .....	54	83
Surplus .....	45	15
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	0
Short.....	2	2
Adequate .....	65	80
Surplus .....	33	18

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**April 28, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 30, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	91.35	8.65	3.59	0.50	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-21-2020</i>	89.17	10.83	3.59	0.50	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-28-2020</i>	88.18	11.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2019</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2019</i>	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-30-2019</i>	79.32	20.68	10.71	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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