



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 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2022. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 2.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

A sunny and warm week allowed producers ample time for fieldwork as they worked to catch up on planting and preparing fields. Corn planting continued, although is behind previous years. Wet fields from the constant rains throughout most of April have hindered planting progress. Cotton and soybean fields were prepared for planting over the upcoming weeks. Wheat continued to head and was in good conditions. Favorable weather conditions allowed producers to begin cutting hay.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture were in mostly good condition throughout the state. Cattle farmers in some areas plan to not spray pastures or apply fertilizer due to increased costs of chemicals and nutrients.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/24/22**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	76	51	65	74
Corn - Emerged .....	44	20	37	51
Cotton - Planted.....	5	0	1	5
Hay - First Cutting.....	14	1	5	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	6	1	3	4
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	68	45	66	73

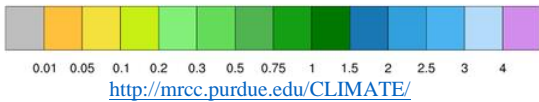
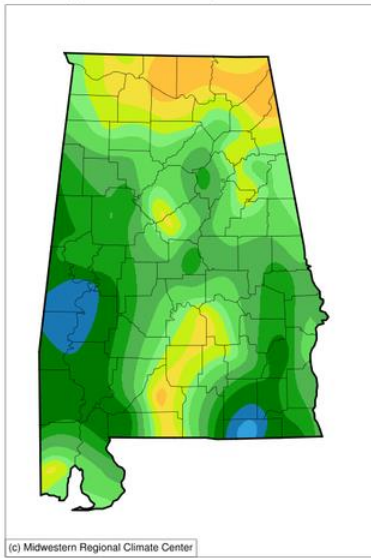
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/24/22**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	2	15	78	4
Pasture and Range...	1	5	22	68	4
Winter Wheat.....	1	1	9	71	18

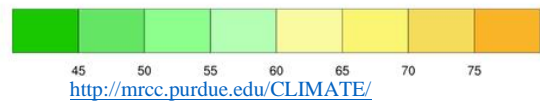
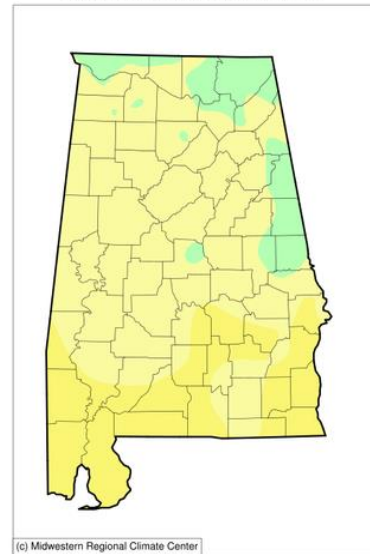
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/24/22**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	0
Short.....	4	4
Adequate .....	64	85
Surplus .....	31	11
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	2	1
Short.....	6	2
Adequate .....	61	82
Surplus .....	31	15

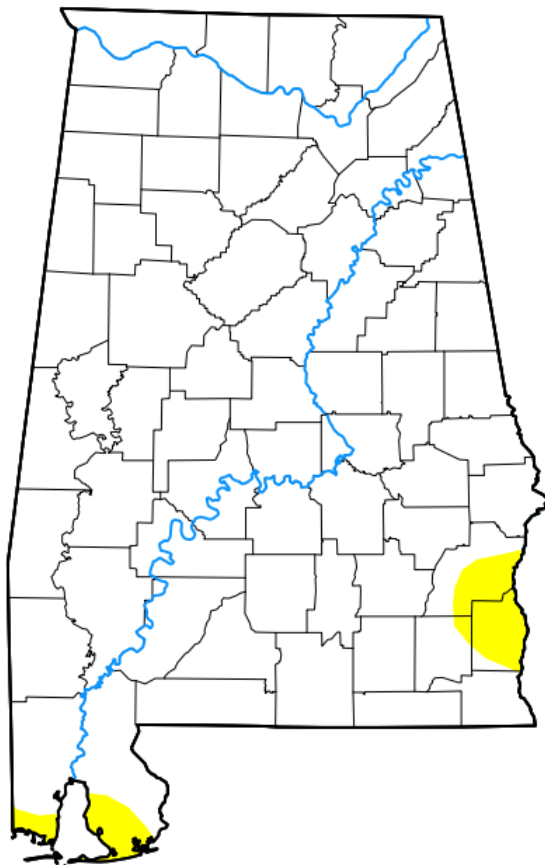
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 18, 2022 to April 24, 2022



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 18, 2022 to April 24, 2022



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**April 19, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 21, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-12-2022</i>	87.61	12.39	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-18-2022</i>	82.74	17.26	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-20-2021</i>	95.58	4.42	0.00	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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