



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 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2024. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 3.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received light to moderate rainfall. The combination of wet and cooler conditions limited time spent in the field and has delayed spring planting for many farmers. In areas where operators were able to conduct field work, corn planting was reported to have started. Many producers put out burndown and pre-emerge herbicides. Farmers completed fertilizing winter wheat crops and noted it was rapidly maturing. Poultry litter was being applied to many crop, pasture, and hay fields. Strawberry harvest was reported to be on schedule with average yields predicted.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition. Rainfall allowed pastures to green up and are reported to be at normal grazing levels. Cattle were also reported in mostly good to fair condition. Since pastures have improved, livestock did not have to be supplemented as frequently.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 3/31/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	15	NA	10	15
Corn - Emerged.....	6	NA	4	5
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	4	NA	8	6

(NA) Not available

**Conditions for Week Ending 3/31/24**

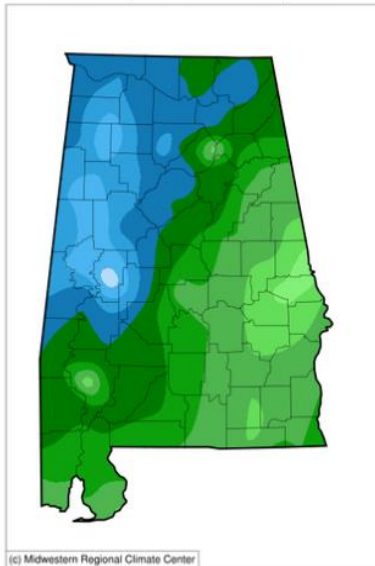
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat.....	1	1	23	65	10
Cattle.....	1	5	18	63	13
Pasture and range ....	2	12	29	51	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/31/24**

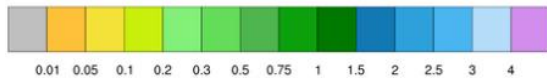
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	2
Short .....	NA	3
Adequate .....	NA	84
Surplus.....	NA	11
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	NA	2
Short .....	NA	6
Adequate .....	NA	83
Surplus.....	NA	9

(NA) Not available

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024

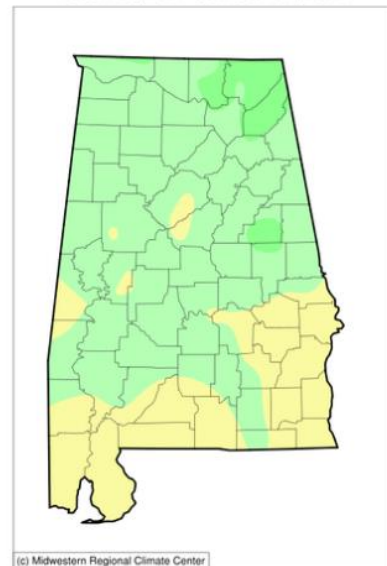


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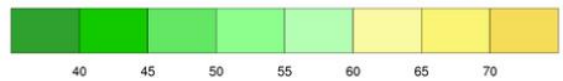


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024



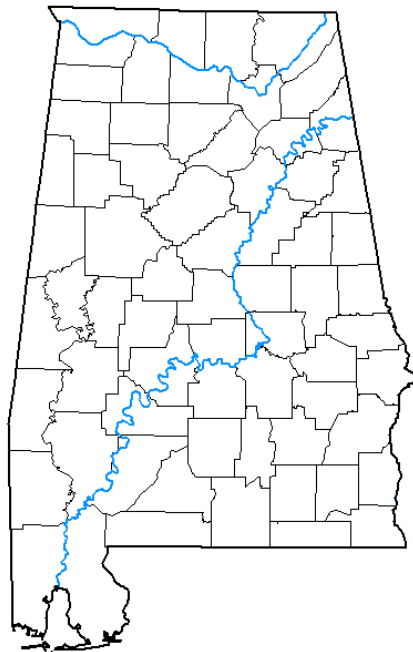
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**March 26, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**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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