



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 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 11.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Heavy rainfall across the state kept producers out of the fields most of the week. Corn planting was wrapping up in some areas and behind schedule in other areas due to the excess rainfall. Some emerged corn was flooded. Some cotton was being planted in the lower part of the state, but most producers were waiting for the rain to pass and the ground to dry. Hay cutting began in dry areas. Wheat was being harvested. Strawberries were being harvested on days without rain.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures were developing very well from plenty of rainfall. Fences and water crossings were being repaired after damages from storms in the previous week. Cattle were looking good.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted .....	84	62	75	72
Corn - Emerged .....	66	37	57	54
Cotton - Planted.....	5	5	9	8
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	9	6	14	8
Peanuts - Planted .....	7	1	5	6
Winter wheat - Headed ...	79	72	82	72

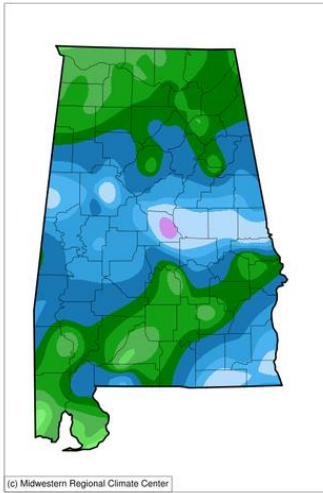
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/26/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	26	66	6
Pasture and range ..	1	2	32	58	7
Winter wheat.....	0	3	25	67	5

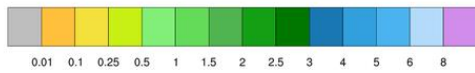
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short.....	5	1
Adequate .....	60	54
Surplus .....	33	45
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	0
Short.....	6	2
Adequate .....	67	65
Surplus .....	25	33

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



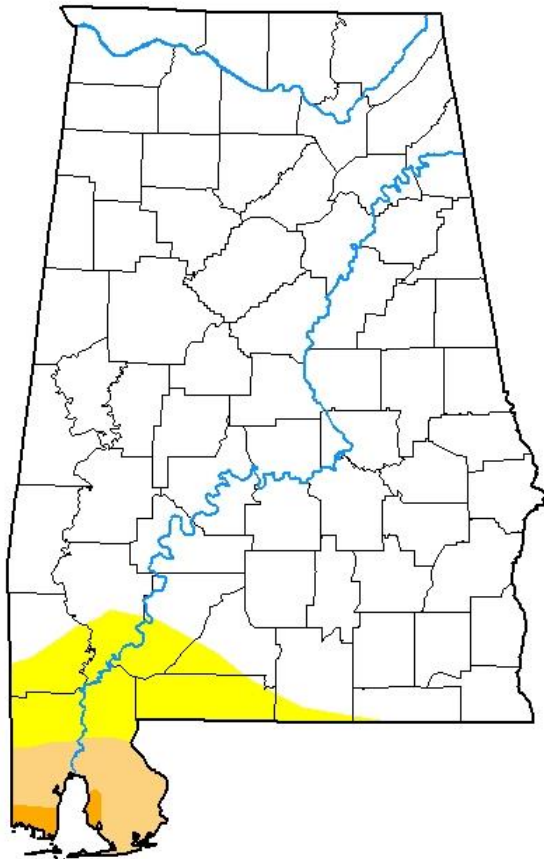
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**April 21, 2020**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	89.17	10.83	3.59	0.50	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-14-2020</i>	73.98	26.02	3.59	0.34	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-21-2020</i>	95.28	4.72	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>04-23-2019</i>	74.89	25.11	11.23	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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