



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 18, 2022

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2022. Precipitation ranged from 0.5 inches of rain to 4.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Rainy conditions across the state prevented farmers from getting fieldwork done. Surplus soil moisture was reported with consecutive weeks of wet conditions. Wet fields slowed corn planting progress. Preparations for planting continued with burndown herbicide and poultry litter applications in some areas. Farmers sprayed fields in preparation for cotton planting. Warm and dry conditions are needed for spring plantings to progress. Winter wheat and oats were in very good condition as fungicide and insecticide applications were applied.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture were in good condition throughout the state. Pastures continued to green up with warmer weather and ample rain. Fertilizer and lime applications were made to pastures and hayfields in some areas.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/22

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	55	38	51	58
Corn - Emerged	19	13	20	30
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	0	2
Hay - First Cutting.....	3	NA	1	2
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	NA	1	1
Winter Wheat - Headed	33	23	45	49

(NA) Not available

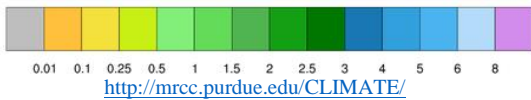
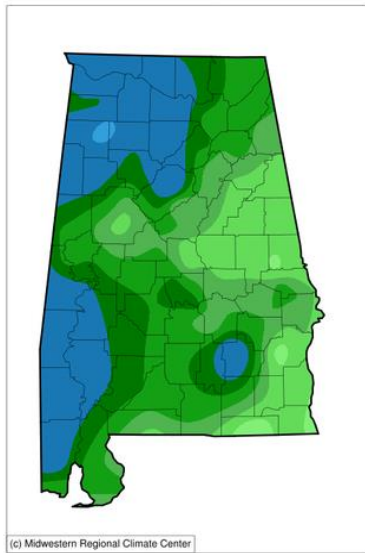
Conditions for Week Ending 04/17/22

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	15	80	3
Pasture and Range...	1	7	23	67	2
Winter Wheat.....	0	0	7	61	32

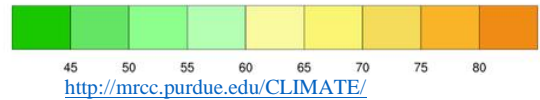
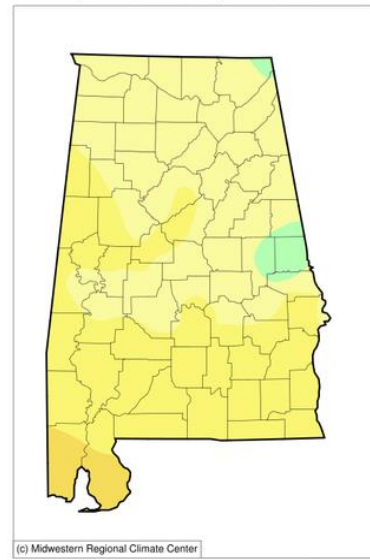
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/22

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	1
Short.....	1	4
Adequate	73	64
Surplus	26	31
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	2
Short.....	1	6
Adequate	70	61
Surplus	29	31

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 11, 2022 to April 17, 2022



Average Temperature (°F)
April 11, 2022 to April 17, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

April 12, 2022
(Released Thursday, Apr. 14, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.61	12.39	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-05-2022</i>	85.94	14.06	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-11-2022</i>	81.48	18.52	4.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	76.82	23.18	3.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-13-2021</i>	97.59	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

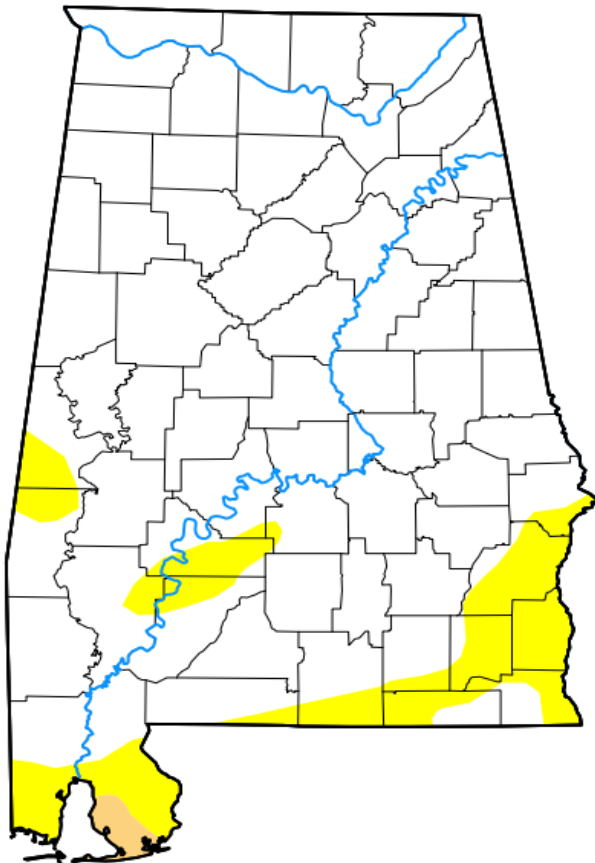
Intensity:

- 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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