



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 17, 2023

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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, April 16, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 6.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

The southwestern region of the state received a significant amount of rainfall the past week, while the rest of the state received minimal to moderate precipitation. Row crop planting was delayed in many areas due to saturated fields. Corn planting continued to progress strongly in areas where conditions allowed. Operators started to plant cotton throughout the state. Some operators also began a first cutting of hay, with more progress expected in the coming weeks. Winter wheat heading continued to progress across the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures continued to improve with precipitation in much of the state. Pastures that suffered frost damage earlier in the month were reported to be recovering. Cattle were reported to be in mostly good condition.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/16/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	49	32	49	54
Corn - Emerged.....	19	13	20	26
Cotton – Planted.....	0	0	3	1
Hay – First Cutting.....	1	NA	1	2
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	42	20	35	43

NA – Not Available

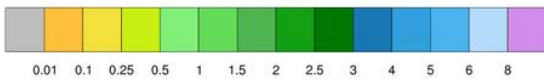
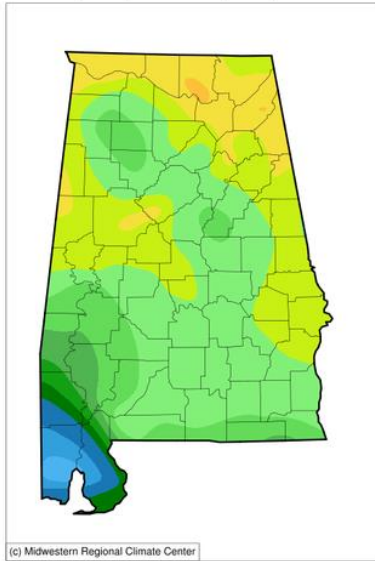
**Conditions for Week Ending 4/16/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	54	45	0
Cattle.....	0	2	14	81	3
Pasture & range.....	0	3	21	74	2

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/16/23**

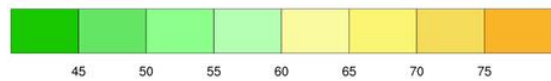
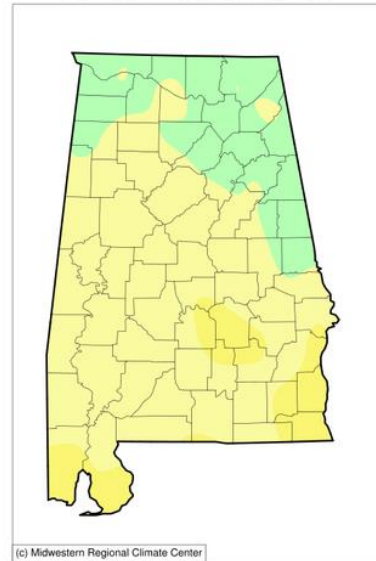
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	1	0
Adequate.....	64	73
Surplus.....	35	27
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	3	0
Adequate.....	85	94
Surplus.....	12	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



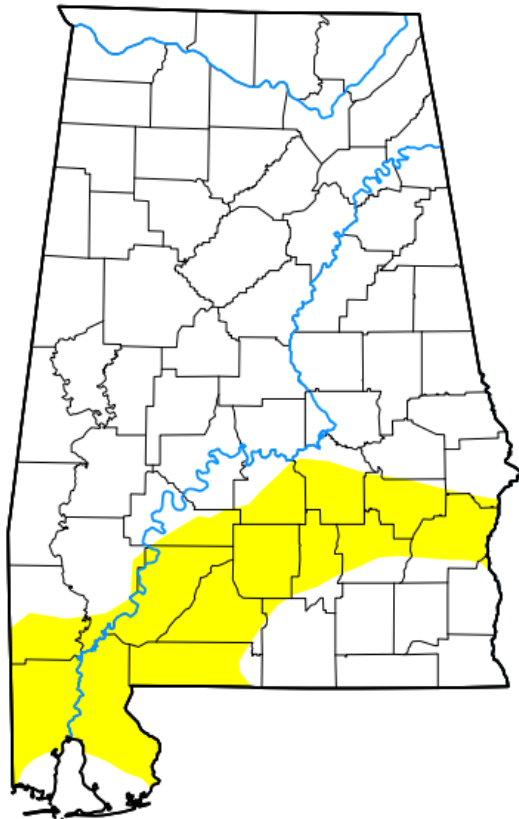
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**April 11, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 13, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	80.36	19.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-04-2023</i>	75.25	24.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-10-2023</i>	77.20	22.80	2.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2023</i>	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-12-2022</i>	87.61	12.39	0.68	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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