



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 23, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

Crops

It was a dry, cooler week for much of the state, with only the northwestern region of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. Operators made good use of the dry weather and availability for field activities. Corn planting made good progress last week, with more of the crop beginning to emerge as well. Cotton planting progressed slightly ahead of normal, while peanut and soybean planting began across the state. Operators also continued to harvest a first cutting of hay. Winter wheat heading made a sizable jump the past week. Reporters noted some frost damage was seen from previous freezes, but that most plants looked to be recovering well.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were reported to be mostly good to fair, although reporters noted that some need rain. Cattle were reported to be in mostly good to fair condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/23/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	63	49	66	70
Corn - Emerged.....	35	20	41	43
Cotton - Planted.....	1	3	6	4
Hay - First Cutting.....	4	1	7	7
Peanuts - Planted.....	3	0	4	4
Soybeans - Planted.....	0	0	1	0
Winter Wheat - Headed.....	63	35	64	66

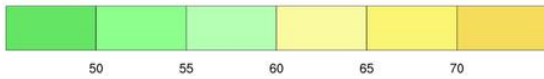
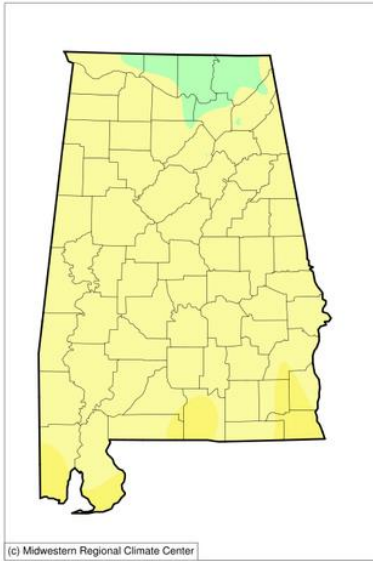
Conditions for Week Ending 4/23/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	47	51	1
Cattle.....	0	3	15	80	2
Pasture & range.....	0	4	22	72	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/23/23

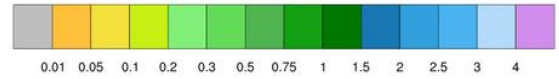
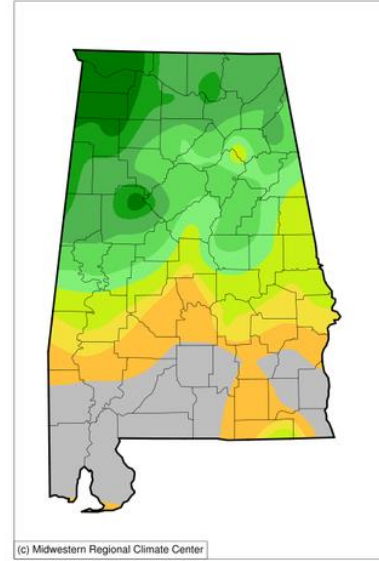
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	1
Short.....	0	4
Adequate.....	73	85
Surplus.....	27	10
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	0	2
Short.....	0	2
Adequate.....	94	94
Surplus.....	6	2

Average Temperature (°F)
April 17, 2023 to April 23, 2023



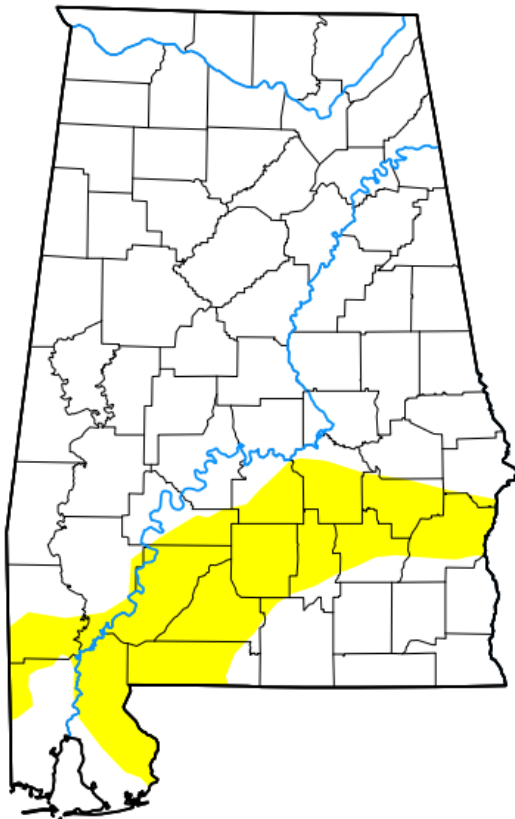
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 17, 2023 to April 23, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



April 18, 2023

(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.35	17.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-11-2023	80.36	19.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-17-2023	87.72	12.28	1.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-19-2022	97.04	2.96	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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