



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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 2, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 6.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received a significant amount of rain the past week, with some low elevation areas experiencing flooding due to the precipitation. Heavy precipitation limited the ability for operators to work in the fields as much as hoped. In areas where operators were able to conduct field work, corn planting was reported to be well underway with strong progress. Winter wheat continued to progress as well. Some reporters noted that recent freeze events stunted the wheat crop and caused the crop to fall behind schedule.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Pastures continued to green up, especially in areas with significant precipitation. Livestock were reported to be in mostly good condition, but there were reports of supplemental feeding.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/2/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	14	NA	21	18
Corn - Emerged .....	6	NA	8	7
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	8	NA	5	10

(NA) Not available

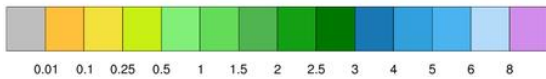
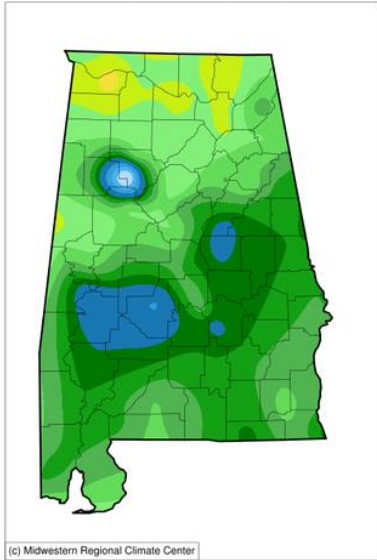
**Conditions for Week Ending 4/2/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Winter Wheat.....	0	1	62	30	7

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/2/23**

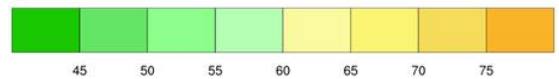
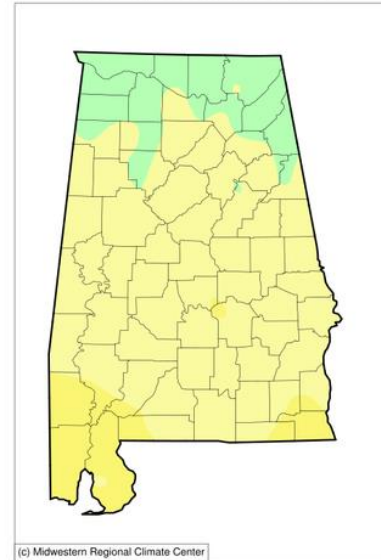
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	NA	5
Short.....	NA	7
Adequate .....	NA	62
Surplus .....	NA	26
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	NA	4
Short.....	NA	7
Adequate .....	NA	85
Surplus .....	NA	4

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 27, 2023 to April 02, 2023



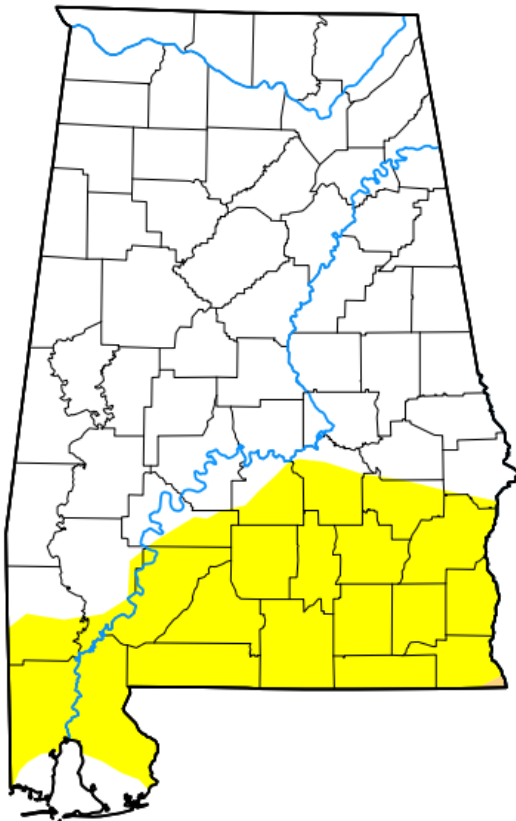
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
March 27, 2023 to April 02, 2023



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



**March 28, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 30, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	71.20	28.80	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 03-21-2023	69.93	30.07	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-27-2022	51.41	48.59	21.05	1.31	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	55.18	44.82	17.97	0.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	67.58	32.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-29-2022	83.92	16.08	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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