



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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.4 inches of rain to 4.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Much of the state received a decent amount of rainfall the past week. Cool conditions continued though the week and, in combination with the wet weather during latter half of the week, delayed and slowed planting activities across the state. As the weather permitted, corn continued to be planted with much of the already planted crop already emerged. Cotton planting continued at a quick pace for this time of year as more peanut and soybean producers began planting activities. Hay producers made progress on their first cutting, but the wet conditions have slowed overall progress for the state. Winter wheat development continued at a decent pace for the year.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and ranges were reported to be mostly good to fair conditions. Recent rainfall helped improve pasture conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted .....	77	66	79	82
Corn - Emerged .....	57	41	66	63
Cotton - Planted.....	10	6	16	13
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	16	7	14	21
Peanuts - Planted .....	6	4	12	11
Soybeans - Planted .....	2	1	5	2
Winter wheat - Headed .....	74	64	84	81

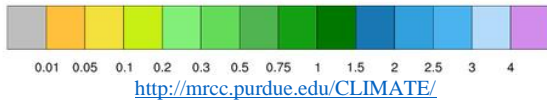
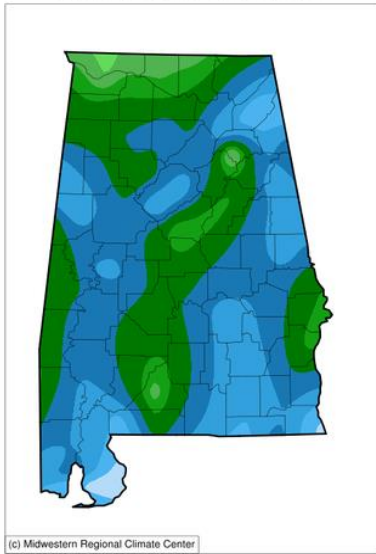
**Conditions for Week Ending 04/30/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	3	11	83	2
Pasture and range ....	1	3	20	74	2
Winter wheat.....	0	1	46	52	1

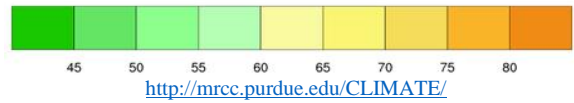
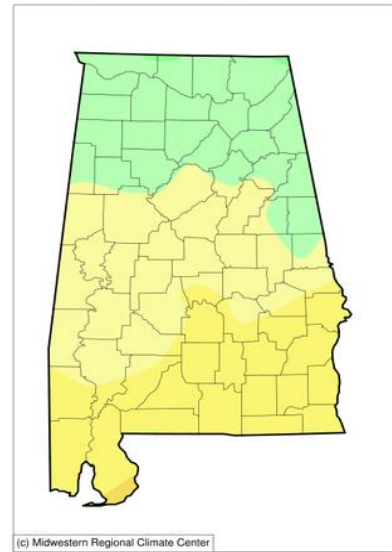
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/30/23**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	4	1
Adequate .....	85	85
Surplus .....	10	14
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	2	1
Adequate .....	94	94
Surplus .....	2	5

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 24, 2023 to April 30, 2023

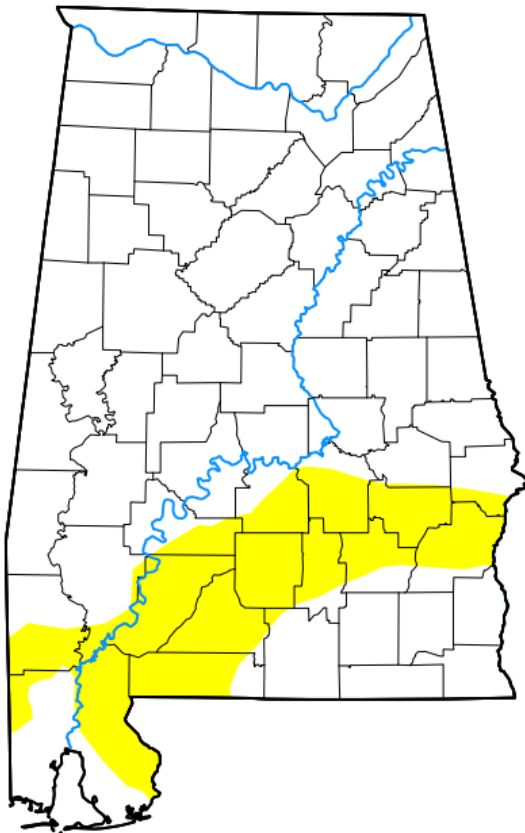


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 24, 2023 to April 30, 2023



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**April 25, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 27, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	82.04	17.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-18-2023</i>	82.35	17.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-24-2023</i>	94.37	5.63	0.64	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>04-26-2022</i>	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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