



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Georgia Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 29, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.0 inches of rain up to 2.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Pastures, livestock, and summer row crops were suffering due to a lack of rainfall.

**Norman Edwards, Walker County**

Growers continued planting cotton, soybeans and peanuts. Many were trying to finish planting row crops before harvesting small grains. Irrigated corn was reaching tasseling stage. Some growers applied fungicides to irrigated corn. Haying continued.

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County**

First cultivated blackberries were harvested. Strawberry production wound down as other fruits came in. Some yellow squash was ready to harvest. Melon fields were looking good.

**Susan James, Meriwether County**

Tobacco was getting hammered by tomato spotted wilt virus. It could get worse in the next few weeks. Also, blue mold was in several fields. Started to see target spot this week in tobacco. Cotton was getting hammered by thrips. Didn't seem to matter if seed were treated and in furrow application was applied. Thrips were bad in peanuts also. Moisture was gone and soil was dry.

**Tony Barnes, Atkinson County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	54	48	52	49
Corn - Silking .....	10	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted .....	76	58	76	78
Cotton - Squaring .....	1	NA	0	2
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	88	75	90	80
Oats - Harvested .....	44	29	60	57
Peaches - Harvested.....	18	8	16	26
Peanuts - Planted.....	85	70	84	81
Rye - Harvested .....	48	33	46	53
Sorghum - Planted .....	45	35	53	47
Soybeans - Planted.....	50	36	50	42
Soybeans - Emerged.....	33	18	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Harvested	32	14	44	44

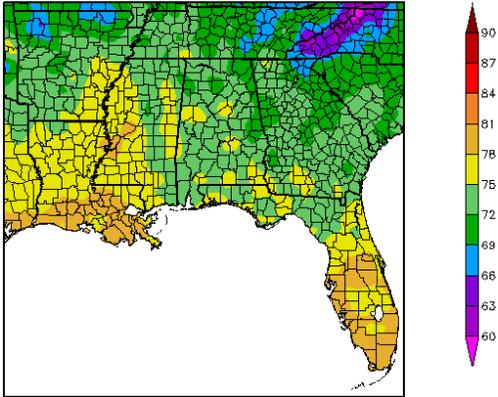
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	1	16	40	37	6
Cattle .....	1	3	20	64	12
Corn .....	1	4	20	55	20
Cotton .....	0	3	28	59	10
Oats .....	0	8	29	55	8
Pasture and range.....	2	6	34	50	8
Peaches.....	2	2	5	59	32
Peanut .....	0	2	24	59	15
Rye .....	1	5	43	46	5
Tobacco.....	1	5	34	49	11
Winter Wheat.....	2	6	32	51	9

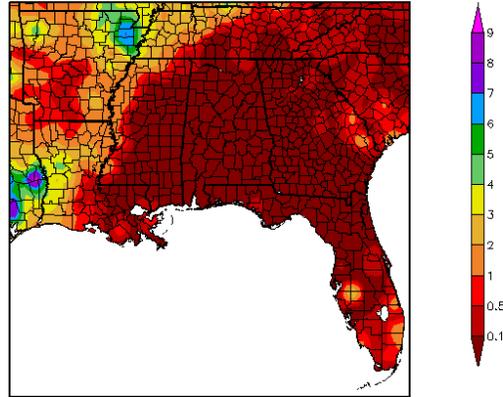
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/29/16**

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	3	14
Short .....	40	25	31
Adequate.....	43	60	49
Surplus.....	11	12	6
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	5	13
Short .....	31	24	28
Adequate.....	58	66	54
Surplus.....	4	5	5

Temperature (F)  
5/23/2016 – 5/29/2016



Precipitation (in)  
5/23/2016 – 5/29/2016



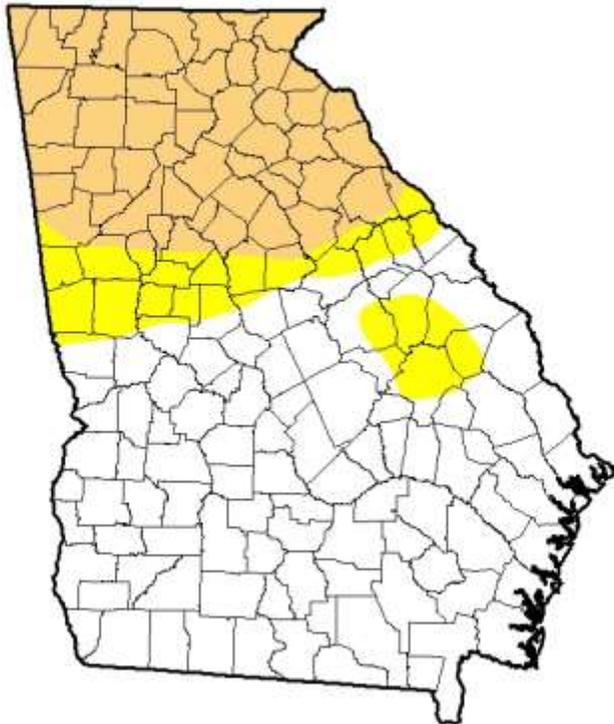
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



May 24, 2016

(Released Thursday, May 26, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	61.71	38.29	27.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 5/17/2016	52.92	47.08	27.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 3/23/2016	98.71	1.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/2/2016	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 5/24/2015	56.94	43.06	3.26	0.00	0.00	0.00

*Intensity*

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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