



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 13, 2011. Statewide topsoil moistures were rated at 3% very short, 17% short, 64% adequate, and 16% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 4% very short, 30% short, 62% adequate, and 4% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the State ranged from a trace to 4 inches. Temperatures ranged for the week from the lower 40s to the upper 50s.

Crop Progress					Crop Condition					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg	Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
		Percent				Percent				
Blueberries-Blooming	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	Blueberries	0	2	50	48	0
Corn-Planted	8	2	4	8	Onions	0	0	19	77	4
Peaches - Blooming	69	14	3	23	Pasture & Range	4	14	53	27	2
Watermelons-Planted	1	N/A	1	3	Peaches	0	0	18	47	35
					Wheat, Winter	0	2	36	55	7

VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

County Extension Comments

“Still to early for planting in North Georgia.”

Mickey Cummings, Union County, District 20

“Much needed rain improving conditions. Much more needed, preferably in slow showers and not flooding downpours. Too much critical moisture is being lost in stormflow.”

Steven Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

“Routine care of livestock & poultry; liming and fertilizing forages; weed control in forages; scouting an excellent, at this time, wheat crop for insects and disease. Soil moisture has been favorable and is now approaching excess in places.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Received 1/2 to 3/4 inch of rain; pastures/hayfields beginning to green up; some corn planted; small grains progressing nicely.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Will start planting corn this week. Wheat fertilized and looking very good. Ryegrass/small grain pasture still very good and bermudagrass beginning to green up just a little.”

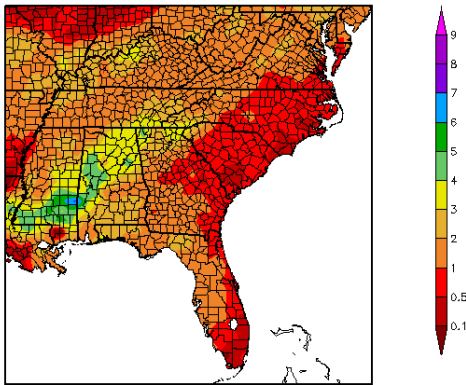
Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

“2 inch rain helped, ponds are still low.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

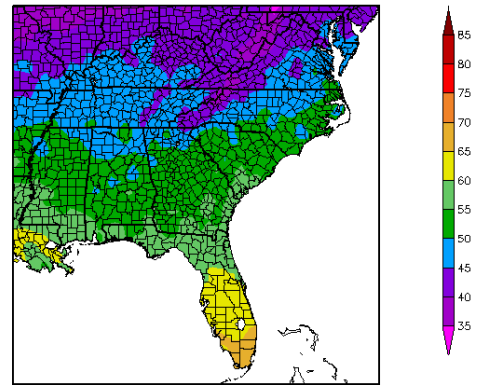
Precipitation (in)
3/8/2011 - 3/14/2011



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

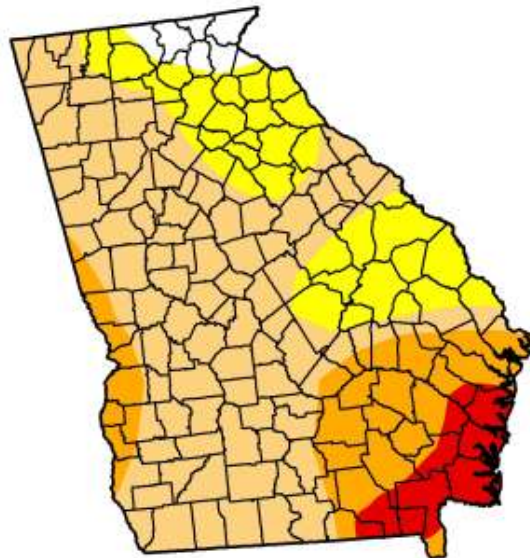
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.93	97.07	77.30	22.09	6.18	0.00
Last Week (03/01/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	77.30	22.09	6.18	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/07/2010 map)	1.90	98.10	88.32	39.21	6.31	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	4.80	95.20	39.24	5.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (03/02/2010 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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