



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 27, 2011. Statewide topsoil moistures were rated at 3% very short, 25% short, 53% adequate, and 19% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 3% very short, 30% short, 59% adequate, and 8% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the State ranged from no rain to over 3.25 inches. Temperatures ranged for the week from the lower 50s to the lower 70s.

Crop Progress					Crop Condition					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg	Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
		Percent					Percent			
Blueberries - Blooming	34	31	N/A	N/A	Blueberries	0	0	43	57	0
Corn - Planted	40	20	23	40	Onions	0	0	17	79	4
Peaches - Blooming	80	74	76	82	Pasture & Range	1	8	43	43	5
Sorghum - Planted	3	0	N/A	N/A	Peaches	0	0	40	56	4
Tobacco - Transplanted	3	1	0	3	Wheat, Winter	0	2	37	53	8
Watermelons - Planted	24	6	19	27						

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

County Extension Comments

“This past Saturday we had another 3.5+ inch rain in parts of Catoosa County.”

Charles Lancaster, Catoosa County, District 10

“Heavy rain over weekend with hail; no reports of crop damage yet but 4+ inches rain over most of county has fields saturated.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Flag leaf appearing in some wheat fields; corn planting continues; rain came to county late Saturday night and Sunday; pastures and hayfields greening up.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Harvesting oat silage, planting corn, plowing/bedding fields, spreading lime, litter and commercial fertilizer. Corn planting is continuing but moisture getting borderline, we need rain. Cotton/peanut field weed burndown will get tricky as warm temperatures will have weeds flushing with every rain from now til May.”

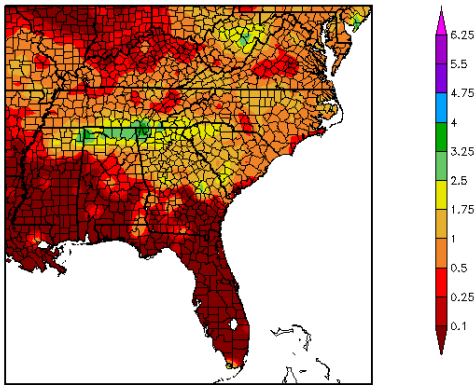
Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

“Wildfires in the area. Corn planting beginning and tobacco growers gearing up to plant their crop. Need some rainfall. Pepper looks good and blueberry crop. Preparing land for planting crops and applying fertilizers and poultry growers busy with flocks.”

Mark von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

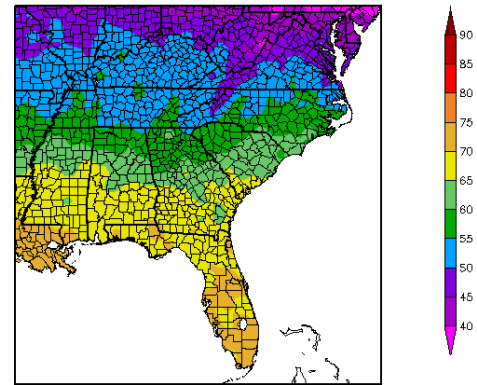
Precipitation (in)
3/21/2011 - 3/27/2011



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

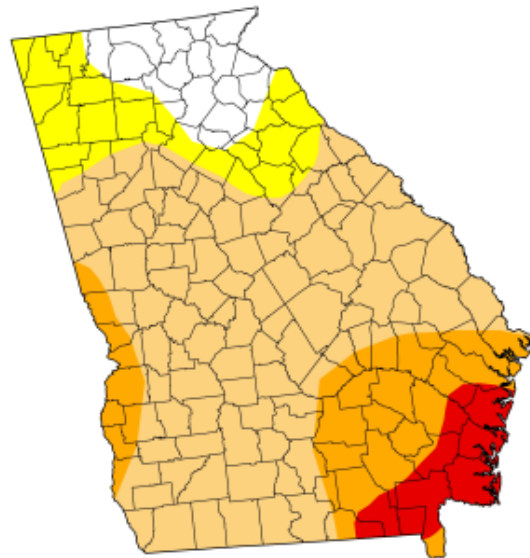
March 22, 2011
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.66	91.34	78.94	21.91	6.18	0.00
Last Week (03/15/2011 map)	8.66	91.34	70.51	21.91	6.18	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/21/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	41.42	7.65	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 (03/16/2010 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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