



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 24, 2011. Statewide topsoil moistures were rated at 8% very short, 41% short, 45% adequate, and 6% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 4% very short, 39% short, 54% adequate, and 3% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2.0 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 60s to the upper 70s.

Crop Progress					Crop Condition						
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg	Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX	
		Percent					Percent				
Blueberries - Blooming	100	78	N/A	N/A	Blueberries	0	0	43	53	4	
Corn - Planted	93	87	94	89	Corn	0	1	33	56	10	
Cotton - Planted	7	2	8	6	Hay	1	6	44	45	4	
Oats - Harvested	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Onions	0	3	19	72	6	
Onions - Harvested	41	13	5	15	Pasture & Range	1	9	37	46	9	
Rye - Harvested	1	1	N/A	N/A	Peaches	0	0	4	30	66	
Sorghum - Planted	17	11	11	12	Watermelons	0	1	43	51	5	
Soybeans - Planted	1	1	3	3	Wheat, winter	0	3	35	53	9	
Tobacco - Transplanted	74	45	75	67							
Watermelons - Planted	91	82	91	85							

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

County Extension Comments

"Dry weather and dry soils are compounding problems on the farms here. Some farmers are irrigating crops earlier than normal this year. Irrigation pond levels are lower than normal for this time of year."

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

"Missed last three rain chances as fronts skirted the county. Advised growers to irrigate wheat which has flowered and beginning kernel fill. Water is needed with the vast amount of plant material associated with, what should be, a very good crop. Corn is up to a good stand but it is also receiving early irrigation due to dry conditions. Started some peanut planting this week as soil temperature is optimal."

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

"Dry hot weather allowed a lot of field work this past week. Cotton and some peanut planting was started..."

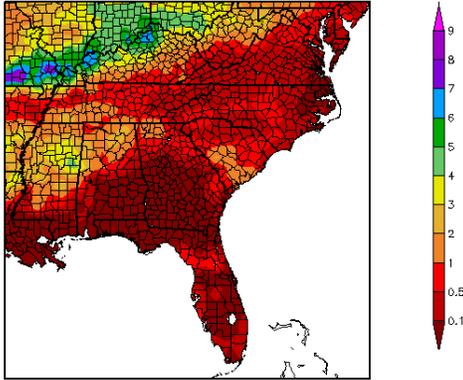
Rad Yager, Mitchell County, District 70

"Topsoil drying out. Finishing up transplanting tobacco. Cotton planting beginning. Applying preplant herbicides and burndowns. Cutting hay for first time. Blueberry crop looks great."

Mark von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)
4/18/2011 - 4/24/2011

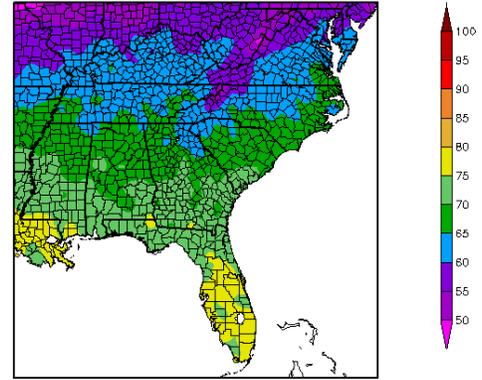


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Temperature (F)
4/18/2011 - 4/24/2011



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

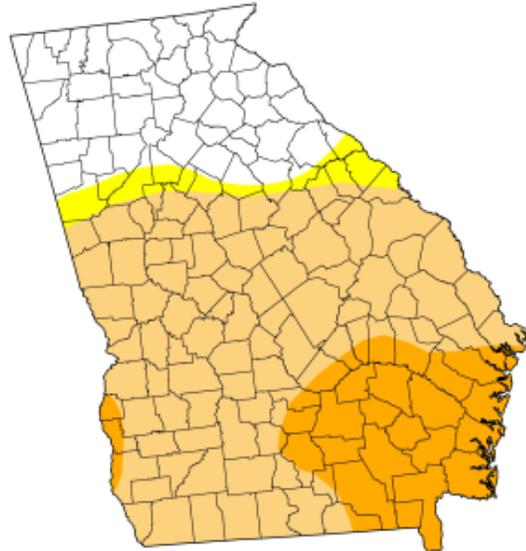
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.24	76.76	72.35	18.79	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/12/2011 map)	22.47	77.53	73.04	18.79	6.94	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/18/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	85.28	40.63	6.49	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 (04/13/2010 map)	98.70	1.30	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.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>



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