



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 22, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 41% very short, 41% short, 17% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 33% very short, 46% short, 20% adequate, and 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to an inch. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 60s to the mid 70s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries - Harvested	28	25	N/A	N/A
Cotton - Planted	56	38	62	59
Cotton - Squaring	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hay First Cutting Comp.	66	55	N/A	N/A
Oats - Harvested	45	21	N/A	N/A
Onions - Harvested	86	65	67	76
Peaches - Harvested	18	6	4	5
Peanuts - Planted	57	33	53	50
Peanuts - Blooming	0	N/A	1	0
Rye - Harvested	35	16	N/A	N/A
Sorghum - Planted	30	24	33	36
Soybeans - Planted	25	14	31	30
Winter Wheat - Harvested	32	10	7	9

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	2	50	40	8
Corn	1	11	40	36	12
Hay	10	26	30	29	5
Pasture & Range	15	32	31	20	2
Peaches	0	5	50	44	1
Pecans	0	19	47	25	9
Tobacco	0	6	53	39	2
Watermelons	0	6	43	48	3
Winter Wheat	0	7	28	47	18

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

County Extension Comments

"Small grains harvest beginning; First hay cutting almost over; Drought stress signs in all crops."

Wade Hutcheson, Spaulding County, District 40

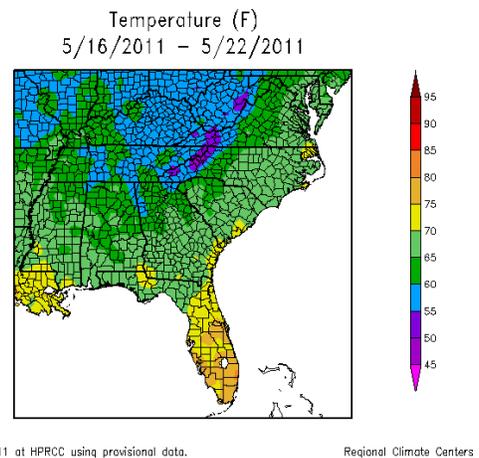
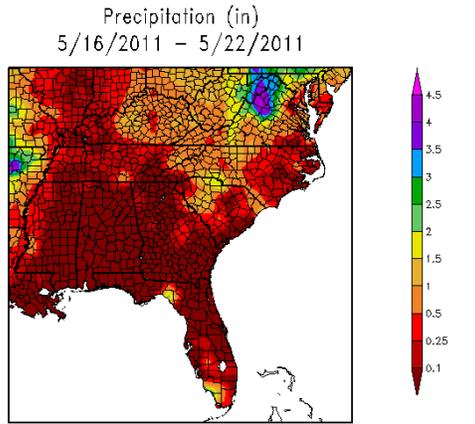
"Oats and rye are being harvested and we'll be full bore into wheat by mid-week. We should have an excellent wheat crop and this hot, dry weather is good for harvest. Speaking of hot, dry weather, this is about the worst scenario we could have had in a year when farmers are going all-out to take advantage of high prices. Dry land cotton and peanut stands are slow coming up and weak, 'sitting ducks' for thrips. Pre-emerge herbicides are un-activated and pigweeds could be next to unstoppable if this drought continues. Dry land planting has pretty much ceased although some cotton has been and is being 'dusted in' in hopes of a good rain. Bedded land is waiting for rain before planting can be accomplished and corn is already being irrigated 'hard'. Because our corn is 90% irrigated, I can rate the crop very good to excellent but it's taking a lot of water already. Hay that has been cut is pretty much mixed weeds and ryegrass. Bermuda grass is not growing so quality hay production has been very minimal."

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

"Good start on cutting wheat. Yield looking good for the season. Planting is still going but watching moisture. Forages are growing very slow. Needing more rain."

Brent Allen, Johnson County, District 50

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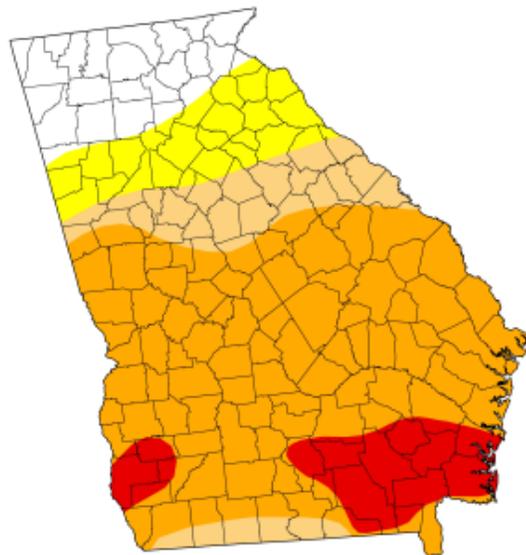
May 17, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.06	87.94	77.09	64.91	10.22	0.00
Last Week (05/10/2011 map)	16.44	83.56	70.01	40.45	8.39	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/15/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	76.22	21.87	6.18	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 (05/11/2010 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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