



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 10, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 18% very short, 43% short, 38% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 24% very short, 44% short, 32% adequate, and 0% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 3 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries - Harvested	99	92	N/A	N/A
Cotton - Squaring	62	51	82	74
Cotton - Setting Bolls	28	17	37	28
Peaches - Harvested	80	79	59	60
Peanuts - Blooming	76	65	88	79
Peanuts - Pegging	46	29	56	47
Sorghum - Planted	82	71	89	89
Soybeans - Planted	94	90	99	98
Tobacco - Harvested	21	10	7	8
Watermelon - Harvested	90	81	85	77

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Corn	14	20	31	22	13
Cotton	19	23	37	18	3
Hay	17	29	38	14	2
Pasture & Range	18	28	37	16	1
Peanuts	7	22	41	24	6
Pecans	10	28	41	14	7
Sorghum	10	28	49	13	0
Soybeans	7	22	53	18	0
Tobacco	3	14	60	19	4

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

County Extension Comments

"Fruit producers report recent hail has damaged apple, peach and grape crops."

Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

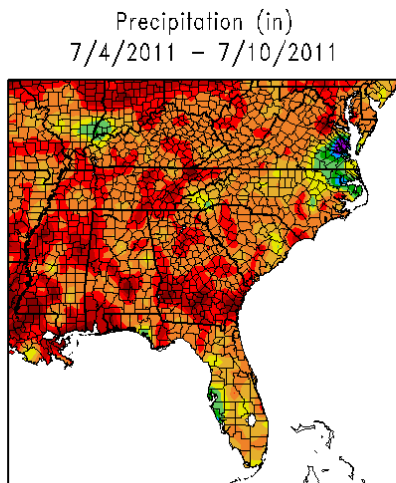
"Irrigated crop fields look pretty good. Most dry land fields still look bad. More substantial rainfall is needed to improve the dry land fields. Most crop farmers were busy applying herbicides, applying fungicides and irrigating their fields this week."

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

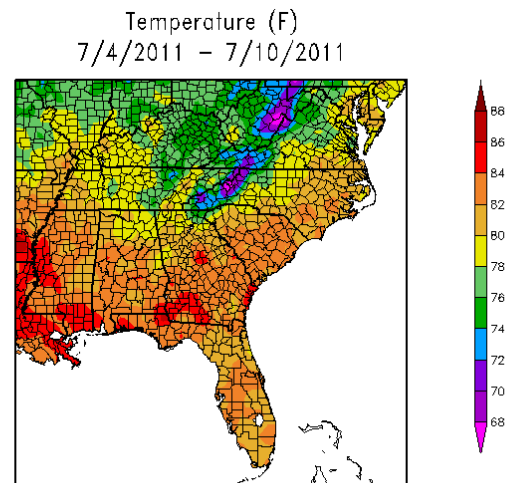
"Hard to estimate pasture condition because several, including large dairies, are irrigated. Overall, we have had portions of the county get from 1 to 3 inches of rain but it is very widely scattered. Most fields are getting rain "a couple of tenths here and there". Had enough moisture to finally get beans planted but these stands will need more rain to sustain them. Much dry land cotton is blooming at only 4 nodes above white bloom, threatening to 'cut-out' if not rained on soon. Replanted and late planted fields are barely at pinhead square and many cotton and bean stands are hidden by the large pigweeds. Dry land peanuts are trying to peg on crusty soils at temperatures running about 101 degrees at the surface where pegs will attempt to penetrate. Hay is non-existent and we've about fed what we baled in early June. We are now in the last 'critical rescue time', July 1 - July 20. Peanuts and cotton will be in full bloom and have to have moisture during this time or will run out of time to mature before cooler weather, shorter days and threat of frost. The drought has been 'dented' but not broken as the results continue to manifest themselves in poor stands, slow growth and other factors that contribute to low yield. The damage is done, we have to work with what we've got. Irrigated crops look good but water costs are rising."

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

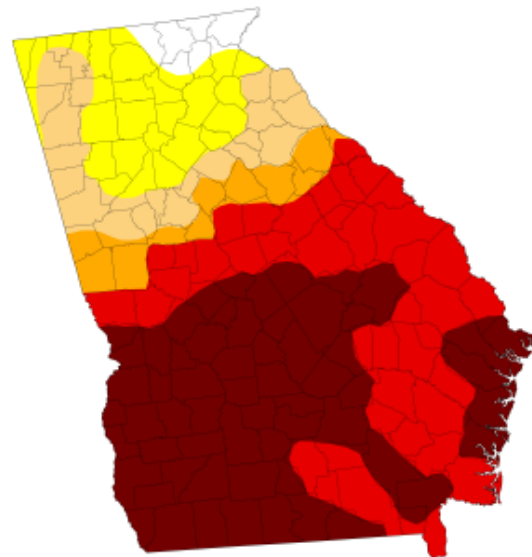
July 5, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.58	97.42	85.51	74.91	68.91	40.45
Last Week (06/28/2011 map)	2.58	97.42	85.51	74.91	68.91	41.18
3 Months Ago (04/05/2011 map)	23.01	76.99	72.91	18.75	6.94	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 (06/29/2010 map)	99.93	0.07	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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