



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 18, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 6% very short, 26% short, 62% adequate, and 6% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 12% very short, 34% short, 50% adequate, and 4% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries – Blooming	97	N/A	24	N/A
Corn – Planted	19	N/A	17	16
Peaches – Blooming	65	N/A	73	49
Watermelons – Planted	10	N/A	5	7

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	15	8	25	29	23
Onions	0	0	55	40	5
Peaches	0	0	44	26	30
Range and Pasture	2	3	42	40	13
Rye	0	2	43	49	6
Winter Wheat	0	4	35	54	7

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

County Extension Comments

"Like most of state temperatures are unseasonably warm and many plants are ahead of schedule."

Charles Lancaster, Catoosa County, District 10

"Winter annuals for grazing are doing very well with the mild winter and early rain. Wheat is also doing well. Bermuda grass pastures and hayfields are already greening up with warm temperatures."

Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30

"Corn planting has begun; wheat beginning to head out; scattered rains around the county."

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

"Seeing a little powdery mildew and rust showing up in wheat. Aphids and cereal leaf beetles are also a problem in some fields."

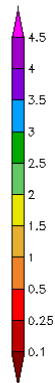
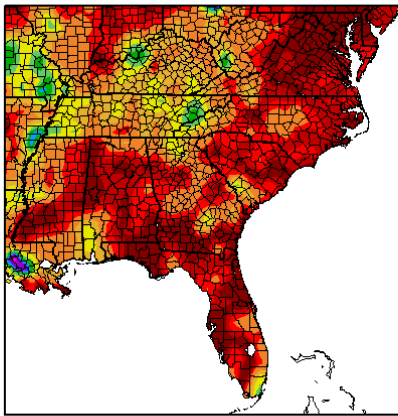
Brent Allen, Washington County, District 50

"Corn planting underway. Ready for another rain event."

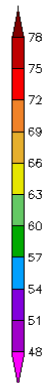
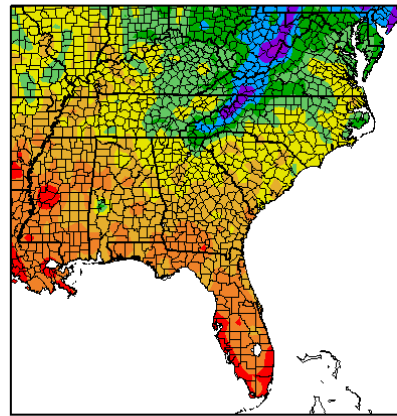
Phillip Edwards, Irwin County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)
3/12/2012 - 3/18/2012



Temperature (F)
3/12/2012 - 3/18/2012



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

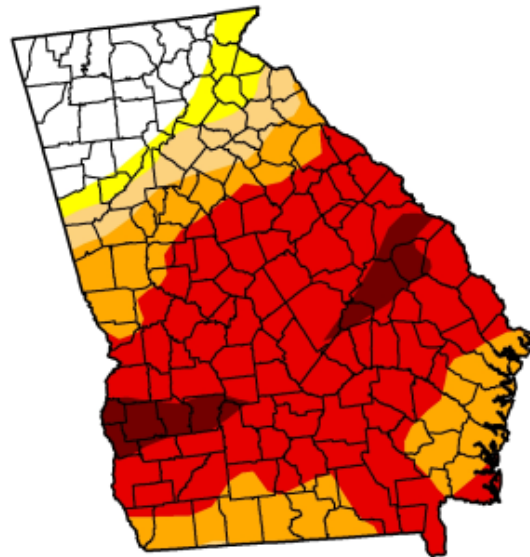
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.49	87.51	83.12	77.48	57.16	5.57
Last Week (03/06/2012 map)	12.49	87.51	83.12	77.48	57.16	5.57
3 Months Ago (12/13/2011 map)	11.91	88.09	85.10	77.98	56.46	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	12.07	87.93	85.36	81.00	63.92	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	0.00
One Year Ago (03/08/2011 map)	2.93	97.07	77.30	22.09	6.18	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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