



# 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, March 25, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 10% very short, 34% short, 52% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 14% very short, 35% short, 48% adequate, and 3% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 60s to the mid 70s.

| Crop Progress          |           |           |      |          |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|
| Crop                   | This Week | Last Week | 2011 | 5-Yr Avg |
|                        | Percent   |           |      |          |
| Corn – Planted         | 47        | 19        | 34   | 33       |
| Peaches – Blooming     | 77        | 65        | 78   | 76       |
| Tobacco – Transplanted | 2         | N/A       | 2    | 3        |
| Watermelons – Planted  | 24        | 10        | 19   | 21       |

| Crop Condition    |         |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Crop              | VP      | P  | F  | G  | EX |
|                   | Percent |    |    |    |    |
| Blueberries       | 15      | 12 | 20 | 33 | 20 |
| Oats              | 0       | 3  | 28 | 58 | 11 |
| Onions            | 0       | 0  | 54 | 41 | 5  |
| Peaches           | 0       | 13 | 43 | 16 | 28 |
| Range and Pasture | 3       | 6  | 41 | 36 | 14 |
| Rye               | 0       | 2  | 45 | 42 | 11 |
| Winter Wheat      | 0       | 3  | 37 | 46 | 14 |

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

## County Extension Comments

"Pastures - Fescue and Bermuda in good shape at this time. We have had adequate rainfall to this point."  
**Gary Peiffer, DeKalb County, District 20**

"Scattered rain showers occurred this week; corn planting wide open but slowed as topsoil moisture dropped; wheat heading out and pollinating; growers working on cotton land."  
**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50**

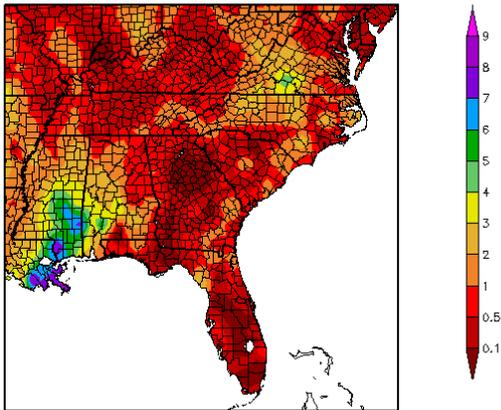
"March has been much warmer than normal with many days in the mid 80's. Grass has greened up nicely and grazing is improving. Worried over the lack of moisture and drought effects if we don't get some rain soon."  
**John Pope, Monroe County, District 50**

"Wheat and cereal grains look good. Young peach trees (2 to 3 year olds) have been attacked by ambrosia beetles."  
**Bobby Smith, Morgan County, District 50**

"We are making progress planting corn. We need another good rain event at this time."  
**Don Clark, Grady County, District 70**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

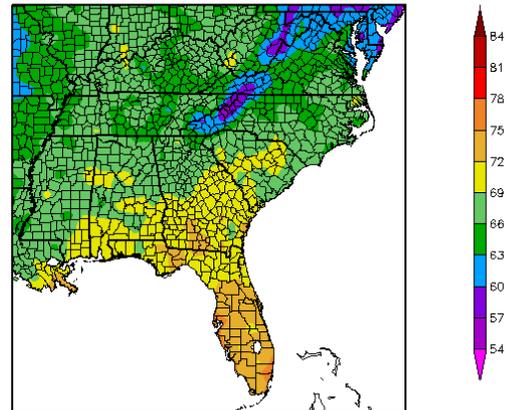
Precipitation (in)  
3/19/2012 - 3/25/2012



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Temperature (F)  
3/19/2012 - 3/25/2012



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

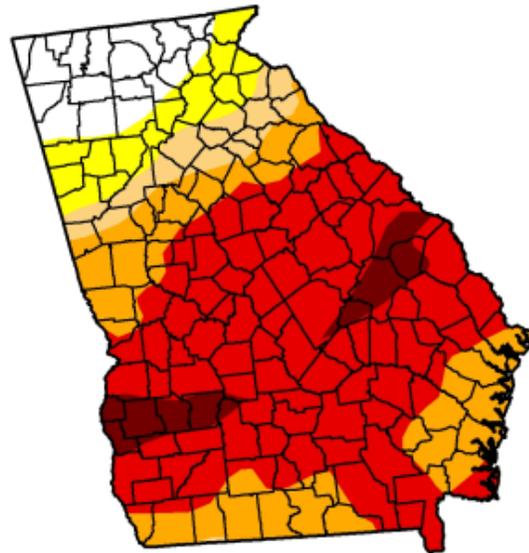
March 20, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current                                       | 9.28  | 90.72 | 83.12 | 77.59 | 57.16 | 5.57 |
| Last Week<br>(03/13/2012 map)                 | 12.49 | 87.51 | 83.12 | 77.48 | 57.16 | 5.57 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>(12/20/2011 map)              | 11.91 | 88.09 | 85.36 | 81.69 | 65.61 | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>(12/27/2011 map) | 12.07 | 87.93 | 85.36 | 81.00 | 63.92 | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>(09/27/2011 map)    | 5.62  | 94.38 | 90.72 | 85.56 | 78.76 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>(03/15/2011 map)              | 8.66  | 91.34 | 70.51 | 21.91 | 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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