



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 7% very short, 31% short, 58% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 12% very short, 36% short, 49% adequate, and 3% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2.5 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	71	47	49	50
Cotton – Planted	2	N/A	0	0
Peaches – Blooming	87	77	85	90
Sorghum – Planted	1	0	3	2
Tobacco – Transplanted	11	2	5	7
Watermelons – Planted	41	24	33	39

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	15	12	23	29	21
Corn	0	1	20	72	7
Oats	0	3	37	48	12
Onions	0	0	30	65	5
Peaches	0	13	43	15	29
Range and Pasture	3	7	42	37	11
Rye	0	2	41	49	8
Winter Wheat	0	4	36	47	13

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

County Extension Comments

"We are about three weeks early temperature wise."

Kieth Mickler, Floyd County, District 10

"Rain over the weekend was a blessing. Hopefully it will keep on. Wheat crop is looking fair and some producers were irrigating wheat last week. Some producers were putting out fungicide applications on wheat. Corn looks good."

Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40

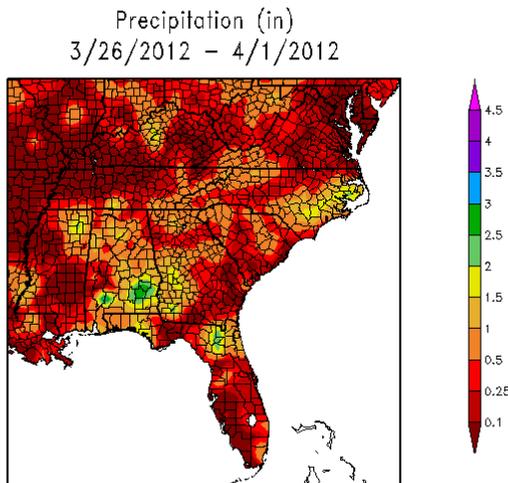
"Beneficial rain fell Friday and Saturday. Still we only measured 2 inches of rain for the month of March. It was one of hottest months in memory."

John Pope, Monroe County, District 50

"Need a rain to continue planting."

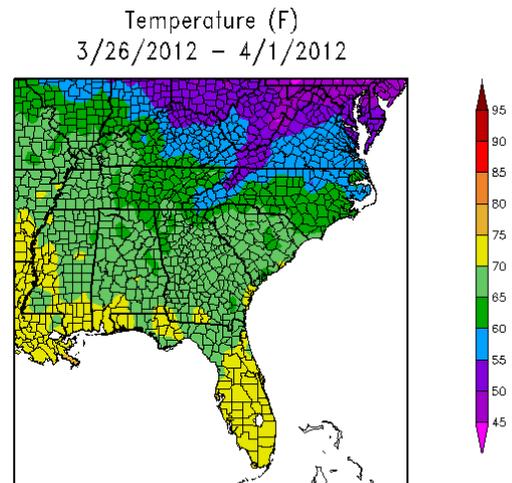
Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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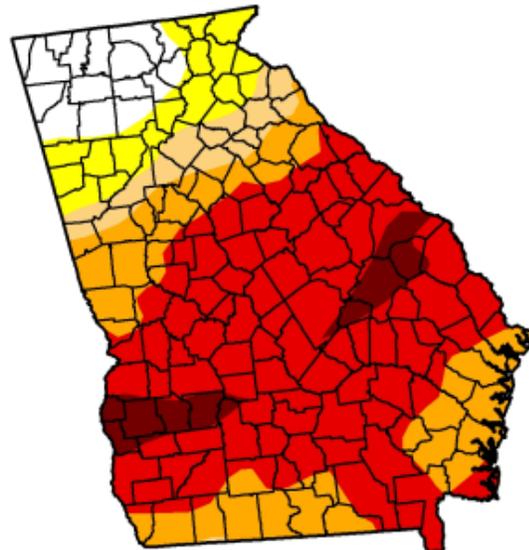
March 27, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.30	91.70	83.12	77.59	57.16	5.57
Last Week (03/20/2012 map)	9.28	90.72	83.12	77.59	57.16	5.57
3 Months Ago (12/27/2011 map)	12.07	87.93	85.36	81.00	63.92	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 (03/22/2011 map)	8.66	91.34	78.94	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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