



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 8, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 9% very short, 36% short, 53% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 14% very short, 37% short, 47% adequate, and 2% 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	84	71	66	65
Cotton – Planted	6	2	1	0
Peaches – Blooming	95	87	96	98
Sorghum – Planted	5	1	4	4
Tobacco – Transplanted	40	11	13	17
Watermelons – Planted	60	41	55	57

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	15	11	22	30	22
Corn	0	1	13	71	15
Oats	0	3	35	54	8
Onions	0	14	38	42	6
Peaches	0	13	44	13	30
Range and Pasture	3	9	42	38	8
Rye	0	5	37	53	5
Winter Wheat	0	4	33	51	12

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

## County Extension Comments

"Need some rain, we are getting to the point that the top soil is beginning to become dry."

**Kieth Mickler, Floyd County, District 10**

"There was hail damage to wheat during thunderstorm."

**Norman Edwards, Walker County, District 10**

"Pastures generally good due to recent rains."

**Gary Peiffer, DeKalb County, District 20**

"Scattered showers occurred on Thursday; amounts varied from 1/2 inch to 0; seedling corn looking good; need additional rains to finish out small grains; some growers irrigating wheat."

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50**

"Some wheat is being treated for armyworms and cereal leaf beetle. Ryegrass and clover hay being harvested. Most producers are getting a good cutting."

**Brent Allen, Washington County, District 60**

"The storm that blew through Emanuel County on Thursday was very tough on Oats and Wheat. Several fields have 30 to 50% damage and potentially the same yield loss."

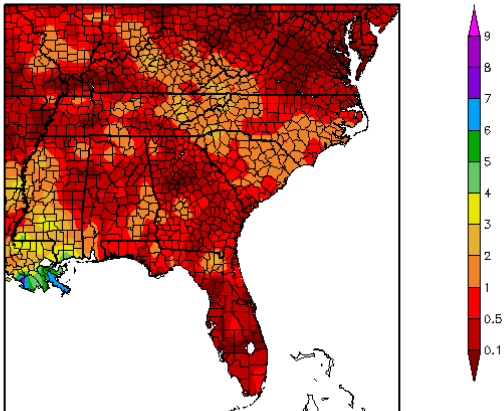
**Mark Crosby, Emanuel County, District 60**

"Approximately 15-20% of our wheat crop is suffering from poor vernalization. This wheat will be extremely low yielding."

**Wade Parker, Jenkins County, District 60**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

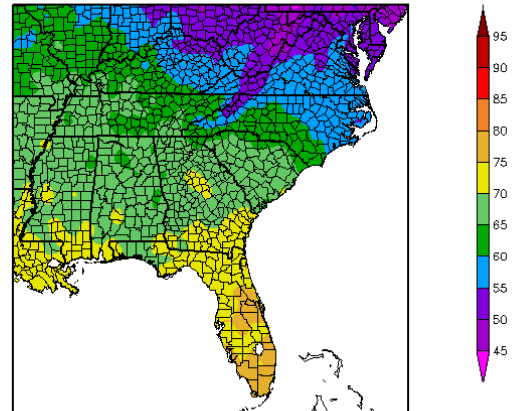
Precipitation (in)  
4/1/2012 - 4/7/2012



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Temperature (F)  
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

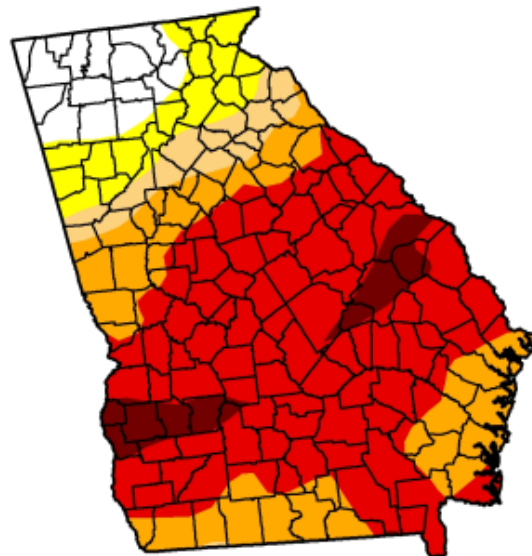
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.30	91.70	83.12	77.59	57.19	5.61
Last Week (03/27/2012 map)	8.30	91.70	83.12	77.59	57.16	5.57
3 Months Ago (01/03/2012 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 (03/29/2011 map)	20.85	79.15	71.91	24.62	9.55	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.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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