



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 15, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 17% very short, 47% short, 35% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 23% very short, 41% short, 35% adequate, and 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the State ranged from no rain up to an inch. Average high temperatures ranged from the upper 60's to the lower 80's. Average low temperatures ranged from the upper 30's to the lower 60's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	93	84	83	78
Cotton – Planted	9	6	2	1
Onions – Harvested	18	0	13	6
Sorghum – Planted	7	5	9	8
Tobacco – Transplanted	70	40	37	34
Watermelons – Planted	82	60	76	72

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	16	12	24	27	21
Corn	0	2	21	66	11
Oats	0	3	34	52	11
Onions	0	15	59	25	1
Peaches	0	13	44	15	28
Range and Pasture	5	11	46	33	5
Rye	0	7	50	40	3
Watermelon	0	3	34	52	11
Winter Wheat	0	6	40	45	9

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

County Extension Comments

"Very dry week, low humidity and no rain has led to a quick drying out of the top soil layer. We need rain!!!"

Keith Mickler, Floyd County, District 10

"Scattered frost for two mornings may have caused some damage to fruit crops. Still checking to see if there was any damage."

Eddie Ayers, Fannin County, District 20

"We had a cold weather event last Wednesday and Thursday nights resulting in frost/freeze damage to many crops."

Clark MacAllister, Dawson and Lumpkin Counties, District 20

"In need of a good rain to fill the wheat out and push the grass on; some ryegrass hay rolled; great crop of winter weeds this year."

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

"Crop fields are getting dry again. Several farmers irrigated this week to help the crop emerge from the dry soil. Land preparation, planting, and herbicide applications were the most common field activities this week."

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

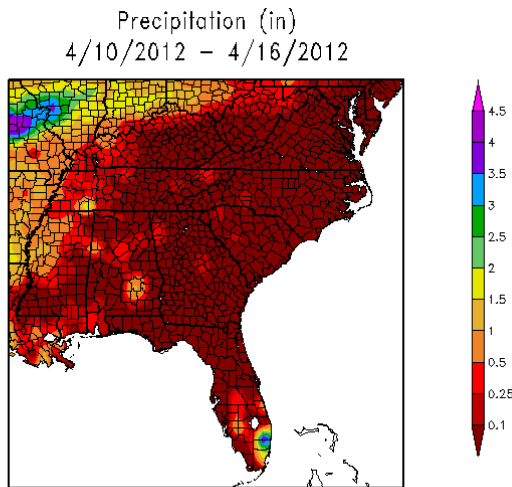
"Early cotton and peanuts are being planted with hope of rainfall coming soon."

Mark Crosby, Emanuel County, District 60

"Peanut planting on dry land has started as growers want to plant into moist soil before it dries out."

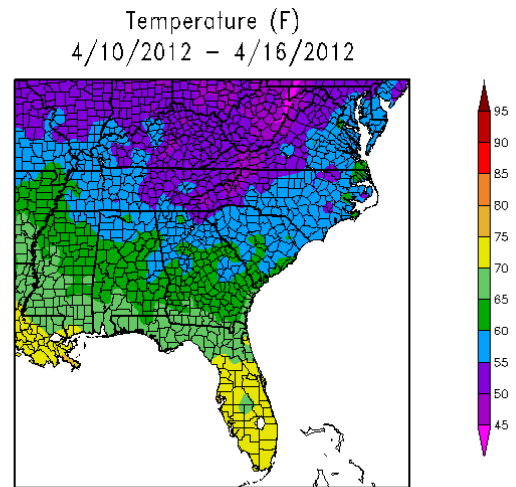
Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70

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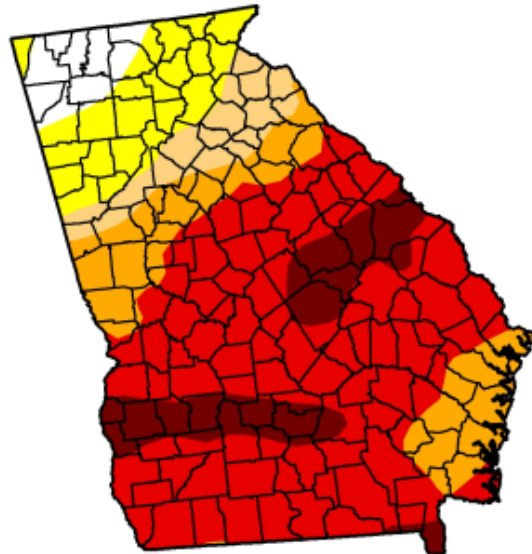
April 10, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.52	95.48	84.22	77.66	63.07	11.32
Last Week (04/03/2012 map)	8.30	91.70	83.12	77.59	57.19	5.61
3 Months Ago (01/10/2012 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 (04/05/2011 map)	23.01	76.99	72.91	18.75	6.94	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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