



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 22, 2012. Statewide Topsoil moisture was rated at 11% very short, 35% short, 49% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture 20% very short, 37% short, 41% adequate, 2% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from less than 0.25 inches up to 3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the upper 60’s to the lower 80’s. Average low temperatures ranged from the lower 50’s to the mid 60’s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	94	93	91	88
Cotton – Planted	12	9	6	4
Onions – Harvested	36	18	33	16
Peanuts – Planted	5	0	0	1
Sorghum – Planted	10	7	15	12
Soybean – Planted	1	0	1	2
Tobacco – Transplanted	82	70	66	59
Watermelons – Planted	87	82	88	85

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	15	11	23	29	22
Corn	0	2	23	59	16
Oats	0	3	41	45	11
Onions	0	18	55	26	1
Peaches	0	13	44	15	28
Range and Pasture	5	9	44	35	7
Rye	0	3	50	45	2
Tobacco	0	0	56	44	0
Watermelon	0	3	31	54	12
Winter Wheat	1	6	36	45	12

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

County Extension Comments

“Just enough rain to keep us from losing much ground, but we remain as dry at this time of year, as I can remember. Wheat needs the rain this week to have a chance, grasses showing stress.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“We received 0.2 to 0.3 inches of rain this week and had cooler temperatures. The small grains are in seed head development stage and need moisture to fill out. If we don’t get more rain the next week or so production will be down significantly.”

Bobby Smith, Morgan County, District 50

“Row crop farmers were busy this week irrigating, applying burn down herbicides and applying nitrogen to corn fields. Light rain fell Saturday. It was enough to get tractors moving again with land preparation and planting. Cattle farmers were also busy this week fertilizing pastures, applying herbicides and doing land preparation for summer grazing.”

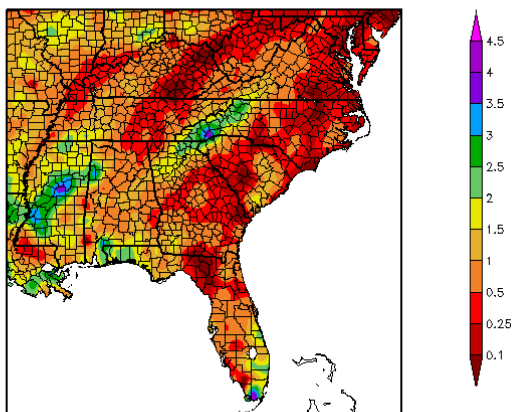
Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

“Got much needed rainfall. Spraying weeds and applying nitrogen to field corn and picking Highbush blueberries. Getting ancy to plant cotton and peanuts. Most growers will wait until after cold front. Tobacco transplanting is over.”

Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

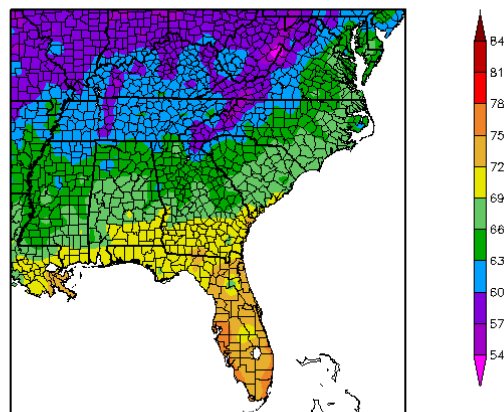
Precipitation (in)
4/15/2012 - 4/21/2012



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Temperature (F)
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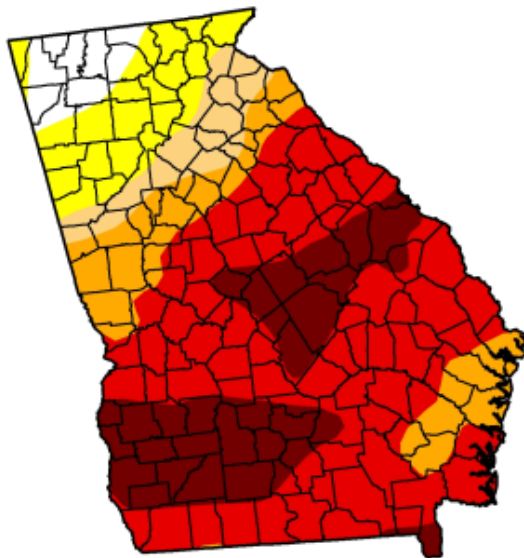
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.39	95.61	84.94	79.01	66.35	20.15
Last Week (04/10/2012 map)	4.52	95.48	84.22	77.66	63.07	11.32
3 Months Ago (01/17/2012 map)	12.21	87.79	85.28	82.55	74.99	4.48
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 (04/12/2011 map)	22.47	77.53	73.04	18.79	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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