



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 29, 2012. Statewide Topsoil moisture was rated at 18% very short, 52% short, 30% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 24% very short, 44% short, 31% adequate, 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0 inches up to 1 inch. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80's to the mid 70's. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40's to the high 50's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	97	94	96	93
Cotton – Planted	23	12	13	9
Onions – Harvested	37	36	54	28
Peanuts – Planted	14	5	5	4
Sorghum – Planted	15	10	18	15
Soybean – Planted	3	1	2	4
Tobacco – Transplanted	92	82	90	80
Watermelons – Planted	92	87	94	91

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	4	38	38	20
Corn	0	3	24	58	15
Oats	0	4	38	49	9
Onions	0	15	45	37	3
Peaches	0	13	44	14	29
Range and Pasture	7	16	44	29	4
Rye	0	6	57	36	1
Tobacco	0	7	55	37	1
Watermelon	0	3	46	42	9
Winter Wheat	0	10	39	43	8

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

County Extension Comments

“Some rain last week helped out with most pastures and hayfields. Most of the county received at least 0.25 inches but we are still in severe deficit. Some frost damage to Bermuda grass from two weeks ago on top of that will make for difficult start to the season.”

Adam Speir, Madison County, District 30

“Need a good rain. Ryegrass hay cut, rolled; wheat has headed out and still appears to hold at least an average yield.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Hot and very windy weather hurt crops for most of the week. Row crop farmers were irrigating more than normal for this time of year. Some of the small grain acreage was harvested for hay and some was cut down for the straw market. Cattle farmers had to use supplemental feed to keep their cows happy due to poor pasture conditions.”

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

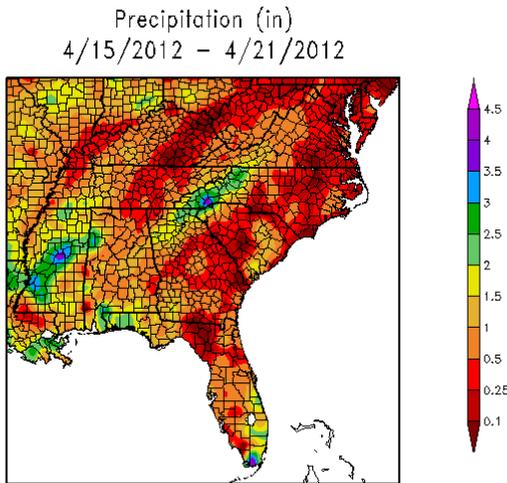
“Soil moisture continues to deteriorate to critical levels. Moisture will be needed to resume planting.”

Wade Parker, Jenkins County, District 60

“There is adequate moisture for peanut planting, but it is drying.”

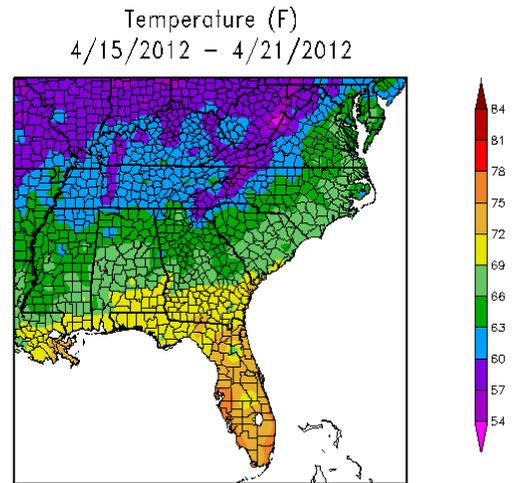
Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70

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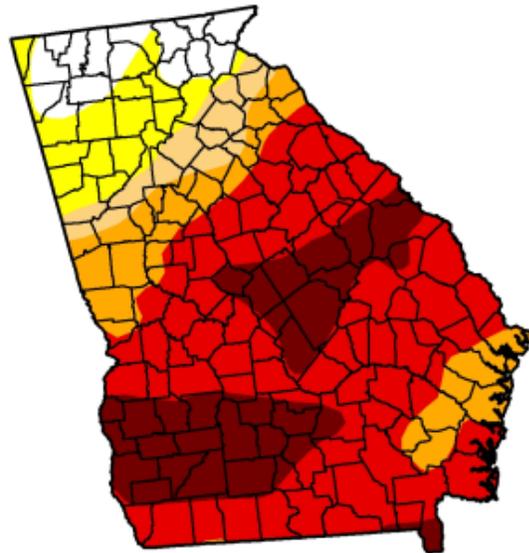
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.11	92.89	84.28	79.01	66.35	20.15
Last Week (04/17/2012 map)	4.39	95.61	84.94	79.01	66.35	20.15
3 Months Ago (01/24/2012 map)	14.41	85.59	83.07	77.34	67.38	4.34
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 (04/19/2011 map)	23.24	76.76	72.35	18.79	0.00	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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