



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 6, 2012. Statewide Topsoil moisture was rated at 24% very short, 54% short, 22% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 27% very short, 49% short, 24% adequate, 0% 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			
Blueberries – Harvested	28	N/A	14	N/A
Cotton – Planted	27	23	19	18
Hay – 1 st Cutting	45	N/A	35	N/A
Oats – Harvested	18	N/A	10	N/A
Onions – Harvested	62	37	60	38
Peaches – Harvested	11	N/A	2	1
Peanuts – Planted	31	14	13	9
Rye – Harvested	8	N/A	10	N/A
Sorghum – Planted	21	15	20	19
Soybean – Planted	10	3	3	7
Tobacco – Transplanted	98	92	99	93
Watermelons – Planted	97	92	99	95

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	19	29	27	25
Corn	0	3	34	52	11
Oats	1	4	43	44	8
Onions	0	15	57	26	2
Peaches	0	13	44	14	29
Range and Pasture	9	20	45	24	2
Rye	0	6	59	34	1
Tobacco	0	5	44	49	2
Watermelon	0	3	47	42	8
Winter Wheat	1	8	39	44	8

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

County Extension Comments

“Very dry, many farmers have stopped planting due to soil being to dry. We need some rainfall to keep up with planting timelines.”

Keith Mickler, Floyd County, District 10

“Another dry week allowed some hay to be rolled but forage conditions are deteriorating quickly and hay feeding has resumed by many; clover harvest should begin this week.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Crop and pasture conditions continued to deteriorate this week as the drought continues. Some cotton fields were "dusted" in but most planters are sitting idle until we get a good soaking rain. Row crop farmers irrigated corn, grain sorghum, watermelon and vegetable fields this week. Cattle farmers are even irrigating some pasture and hay fields to keep them going.”

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

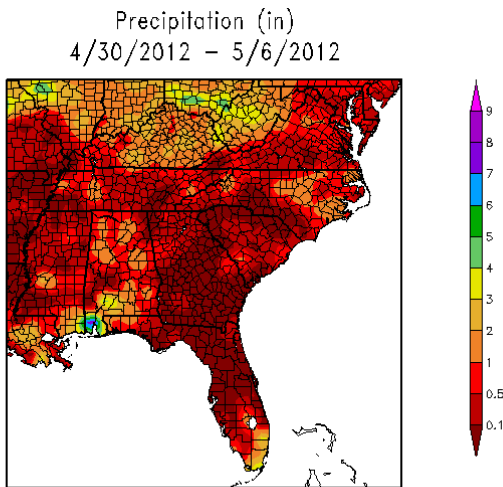
“Extremely dry condition is causing stand problems, nematode and thrip problems.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

“Irrigating corn. Planting cotton and peanuts. Applying herbicides and fertilizers. Need rain soon. Been hot and dry.”

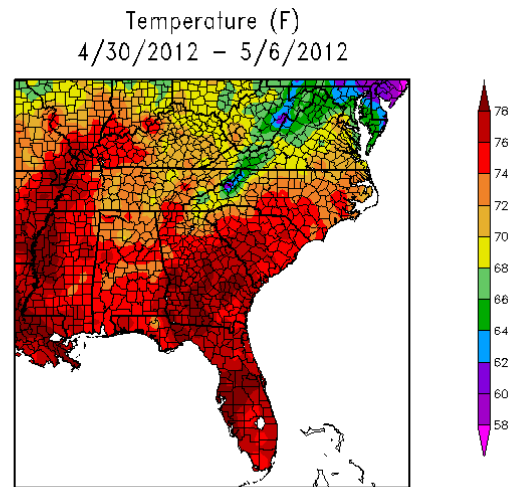
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

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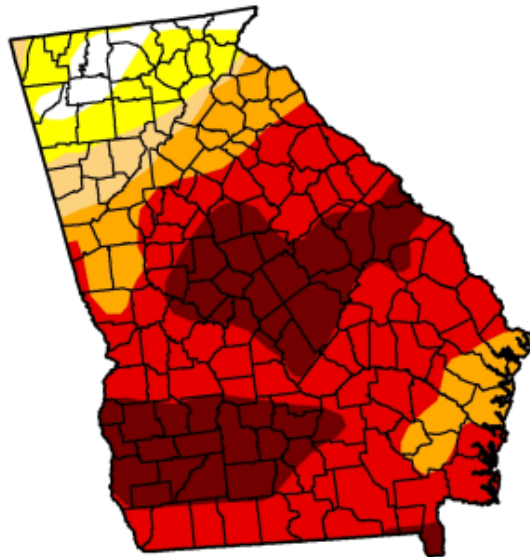
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.50	96.50	88.56	84.28	70.94	25.85
Last Week (04/24/2012 map)	7.11	92.89	84.28	79.01	66.35	20.15
3 Months Ago (01/31/2012 map)	14.41	85.59	83.07	77.34	67.38	16.52
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 (04/26/2011 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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