



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 13, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 8% very short, 38% short, 49% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture 21% very short, 42% short, 36% adequate, 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0 inches up to 3.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70's to the mid 80's. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50's to the mid 60's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries – Harvested	36	28	23	N/A
Cotton – Planted	44	27	33	32
Hay – 1 st Cutting	56	45	50	N/A
Oats – Harvested	34	18	18	N/A
Onions – Harvested	77	62	60	52
Peaches – Harvested	18	11	5	3
Peanuts – Planted	52	31	28	23
Rye – Harvested	32	8	15	N/A
Sorghum – Planted	24	21	23	24
Soybean – Planted	18	10	11	14
Winter Wheat – Harvested	27	N/A	8	3

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	9	27	39	25
Corn	0	3	27	56	14
Oats	1	5	45	48	1
Peaches	0	24	34	13	29
Range and Pasture	4	19	44	30	3
Rye	0	5	52	41	2
Tobacco	0	5	36	56	3
Watermelon	0	2	39	53	6
Winter Wheat	2	7	37	45	9

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

County Extension Comments

"The recent rains have been desperately needed for pastures but has interfered with ryegrass hay and wheat harvest."

Adam Speir, Madison County, District 30

"Wheat harvest is starting. Rain over the weekend has helped. Corn is growing quickly. Cotton, peanut and soybean planting is in progress."

Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40

"Light scattered rains helped some areas of the county this week. All of the rye and oat fields are now harvested. Most of the wheat fields were harvested this week too. Row crop farmers planted grain sorghum, cotton, peanuts and some late corn this week. Cattle farmers continue to use hay and supplemental feed to keep their herds going. Pasture grazing improved slightly this week."

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

"Hail damage on crops from last Sunday's storm."

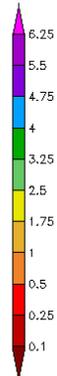
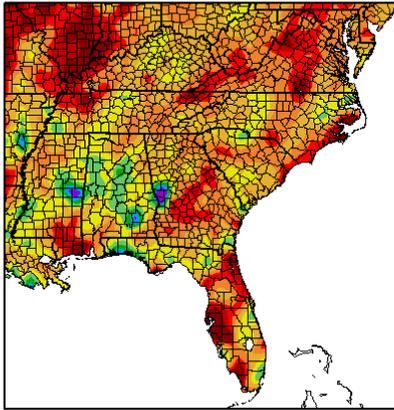
David Wagner, Terrell County, District 70

"Some showers over the weekend. Still looking for a significant county wide rain event."

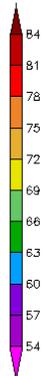
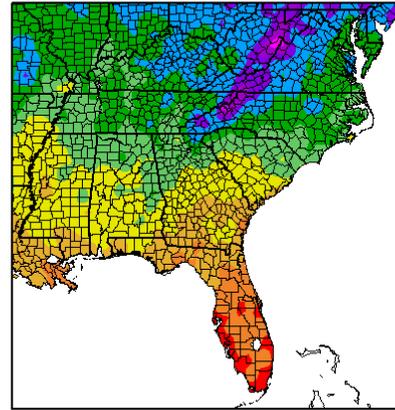
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)
5/7/2012 - 5/13/2012



Temperature (F)
5/7/2012 - 5/13/2012



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

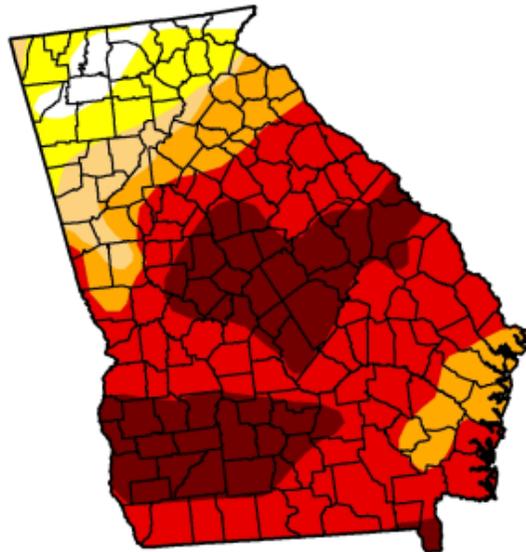
May 8, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.51	96.49	88.24	83.05	70.89	25.81
Last Week (05/01/2012 map)	3.50	96.50	88.56	84.28	70.94	25.85
3 Months Ago (02/07/2012 map)	14.41	85.59	83.07	77.55	68.97	29.54
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 (05/03/2011 map)	23.24	76.76	69.87	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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