



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 20, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 9% very short, 32% short, 56% adequate, 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture 17% very short, 44% short, 37% adequate, 2% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0 inches up to 4.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 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	43	36	27	N/A
Cotton – Planted	63	44	51	50
Hay – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	67	56	63	N/A
Oats – Harvested	53	34	38	N/A
Onions – Harvested	87	77	79	72
Peaches – Harvested	27	18	15	6
Peanuts – Planted	70	52	50	44
Rye – Harvested	44	32	30	N/A
Sorghum – Planted	37	24	28	32
Soybean – Planted	32	18	22	25
Winter Wheat – Harvested	45	27	26	10

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	1	20	55	24
Corn	0	2	26	55	17
Oats	1	5	42	46	6
Peaches	0	16	32	19	33
Peanuts	0	1	33	58	8
Range and Pasture	4	12	50	31	3
Rye	0	5	58	36	1
Tobacco	0	5	35	54	3
Watermelon	0	2	37	53	8
Winter Wheat	0	8	42	40	10

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

## County Extension Comments

“Wheat harvest is in progress. Some growers are cutting wheat in the 50 bu range. Some growers are planting soybeans behind wheat. Corn is looking good.”

**Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40**

“Row crop farmers planted cotton, soybeans and grain sorghum this week. Just about all of the center pivot systems were running this week to keep the crops growing. Cattle farmers are still feeding hay and other supplemental feeds due to the lack of grazing. The spring vegetable harvest is just getting going with some squash, peppers, greens, peas and sweet corn now available.

**Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50**

“Rain amounts have varied anywhere from 5 inches to 1 inch across the county over the past week. Reports of inadequate peanut germination are coming in. Wheat harvest and peanut and cotton planting are at a standstill until fields dry out.”

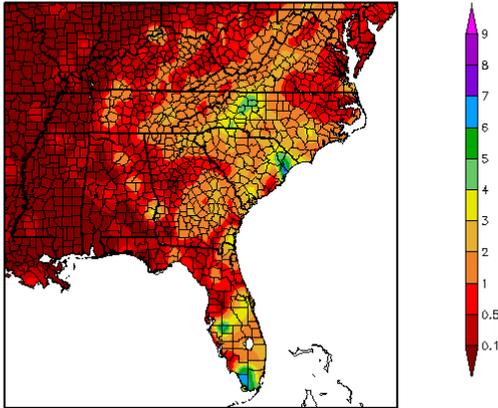
**Peyton Sapp, Burke County, District 60**

“Planting cotton and peanuts. Irrigation of corn. Applying fertilizers and herbicides to crops and hay fields and pastures. Need some rain soon. A lot better planting conditions so far than this time last year.”

**Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

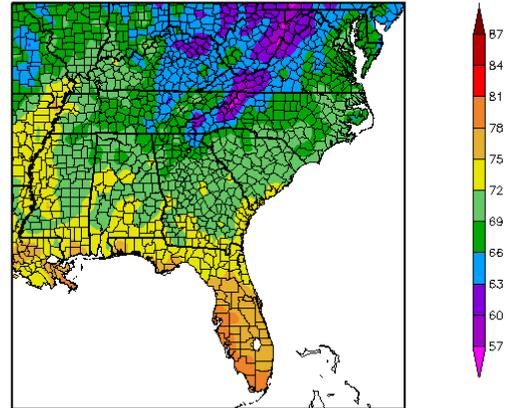
Precipitation (in)  
5/14/2012 - 5/20/2012



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Temperature (F)  
5/14/2012 - 5/20/2012



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

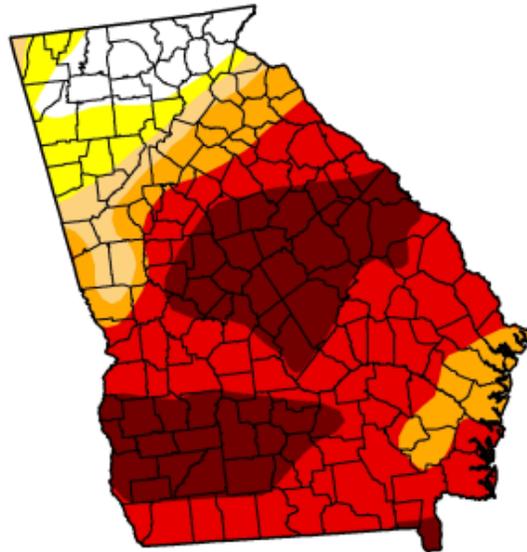
May 15, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.54	92.46	86.05	80.85	69.35	28.44
Last Week (05/08/2012 map)	3.51	96.49	88.24	83.05	70.89	25.81
3 Months Ago (02/14/2012 map)	13.88	86.12	83.12	77.55	69.01	34.06
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 (05/10/2011 map)	16.44	83.56	70.01	40.45	8.39	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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