



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 27, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 12% very short, 46% short, 41% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 18% very short, 50% short, 31% adequate, 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0 inches up to 4.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70's to the low 90's. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50's to the low 60's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries – Harvested	51	43	31	N/A
Cotton – Planted	85	63	71	66
Cotton – Squaring	2	N/A	2	1
Hay – 1 st Cutting	82	67	78	N/A
Oats – Harvested	74	53	66	N/A
Onions – Harvested	100	87	92	86
Peaches – Harvested	39	27	19	10
Peanuts – Planted	89	70	73	64
Peanuts – Blooming	4	N/A	2	1
Rye – Harvested	69	44	55	N/A
Sorghum – Planted	43	37	35	41
Soybean – Planted	42	32	34	36
Winter Wheat – Harvested	67	45	53	23

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	0	19	57	24
Corn	1	3	27	49	20
Cotton	1	3	40	47	9
Oats	1	7	45	41	6
Peaches	0	23	33	16	28
Peanuts	0	2	30	53	15
Range and Pasture	8	15	50	23	4
Rye	0	5	43	51	1
Tobacco	1	5	33	55	6
Watermelon	1	4	37	50	8

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

County Extension Comments

“Some areas of the county got some rain Monday. The drought is terrible in our area and getting worse by the day in this extreme heat. Many cattlemen are feeding hay already. Very little hay has been harvested.”

John Pope, Monroe County, District 50

“Tropical storm Beryl has provided moisture and drought relief in the area. Crop stands are emerging normally.”

Wade Parker, Jenkins County, District 60

“We need a good soaking rain for our corn to make good to excellent yields. Many of our irrigation ponds that don't have wells to fill them are getting low. In some areas we do not have adequate moisture to finish planting.”

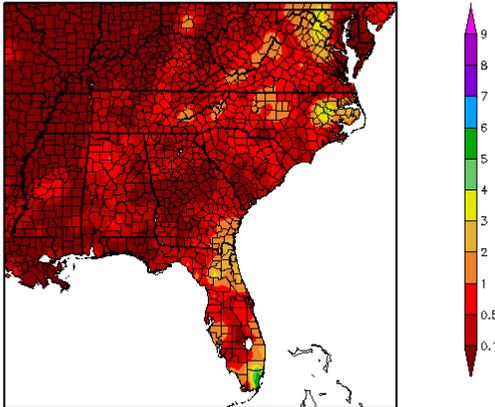
Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

“Hail and high winds on May 22 damaged many row crops and produce crops in the Tift county region. Many producers said it was the worst they had ever seen. Many produce crops were near harvest time causing losses to be tremendous. Many row crops had to be replanted.”

Brian Tankersley, Tift County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

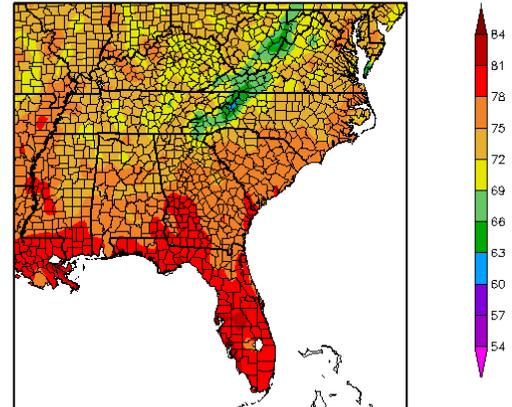
Precipitation (in)
5/22/2012 - 5/28/2012



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Temperature (F)
5/22/2012 - 5/28/2012



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

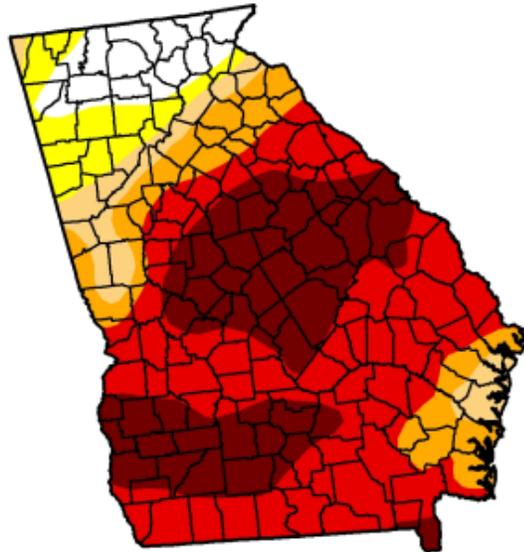
May 22, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.54	92.46	86.05	79.30	67.95	28.31
Last Week (05/15/2012 map)	7.54	92.46	86.05	80.85	69.35	28.44
3 Months Ago (02/21/2012 map)	12.83	87.17	83.12	77.55	69.01	30.35
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 (05/17/2011 map)	12.06	87.94	77.09	64.91	10.22	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.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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Coming soon – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!