



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 24, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 1% very short, 2% short, 58% adequate, 39% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 10% short, 68% adequate, 21% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the low 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries – Blooming	97	83	100	N/A
Corn – Planted	18	5	43	29
Peaches – Blooming	74	65	75	76
Tobacco – Transplanted	14	N/A	2	1
Watermelon – Planted	11	N/A	22	17

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	16	29	37	18
Oats	1	1	30	63	5
Onions	0	2	55	39	4
Peaches	0	9	28	10	53
Range and Pasture	3	10	37	42	8
Rye	0	2	35	59	4
Winter Wheat	1	1	25	58	15

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

County Extension Comments

“Emanuel County received approximately 3 inches of rain during the weekend. Corn planting will be delayed.”

Mark Crosby, Emanuel County, District 60

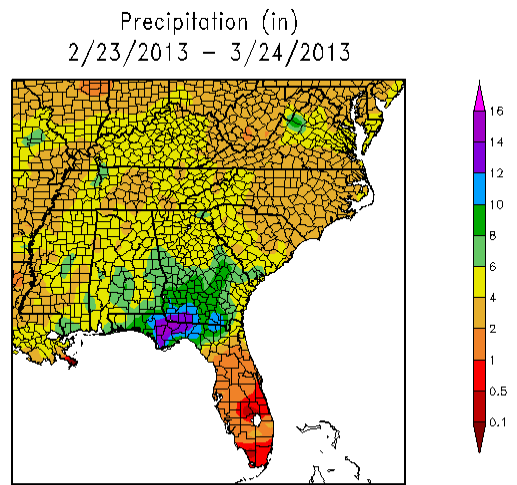
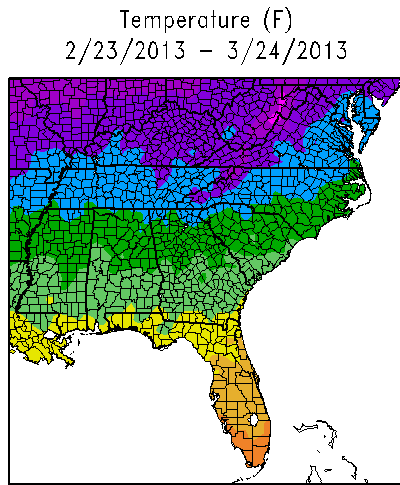
“Area hail storms caused some damage to canola that was beginning to flower. Abundant rainfall for February and March has helped improve cereal grain condition.”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“Some farmers are still feeding a lot of hay. Calhoun had snowflakes. The back and forth temperatures are keeping the fescue from taking off. Fields are good on soil moisture. Unless it dries out, going to be tough to get in the field to plant and get in hay fields and pastures to fertilize.”

Greg Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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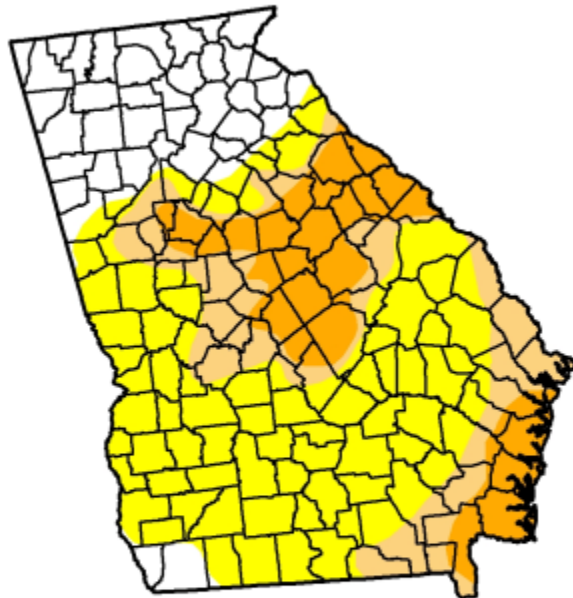
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.72	79.28	32.59	16.43	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03/12/2013 map)	19.54	80.46	36.41	17.64	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/18/2012 map)	3.24	96.76	88.18	69.78	38.48	13.53
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	1.63	98.37	89.49	64.87	36.96	10.25
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	34.04	17.18
One Year Ago (03/13/2012 map)	12.49	87.51	83.12	77.48	57.16	5.57

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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