



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 3% short, 66% adequate, 31% surplus. Subsoil moisture 2% very short, 8% short, 72% adequate, 18% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the mid 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	30	18	68	49
Peaches – Blooming	93	74	86	91
Tobacco – Transplanted	16	14	10	6
Watermelon – Planted	15	11	39	35

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	13	36	39	12
Oats	1	2	28	60	9
Onions	0	2	53	41	4
Peaches	0	8	32	13	47
Range and Pasture	1	9	33	49	8
Rye	0	2	37	55	6
Winter Wheat	0	1	25	58	16

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

## County Extension Comments

"We need for things to dry out some and get some warm temperatures. Again, some folks are still feeding hay. We normally are about done with that. Fescue is still fairly short."

**Greg Bowman, Gordon County, District 10**

"Wheat has been behind because of late planting and overcast skies and wet, cold weather but is finally starting to come around now with nitrogen applications. Canola is blooming now as well."

**Adam Speir, Madison County, District 30**

"Corn growers are trying to plant corn. Wheat crop is in stem elongation stage of development. Powdery mildew is being noted in some wheat fields."

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

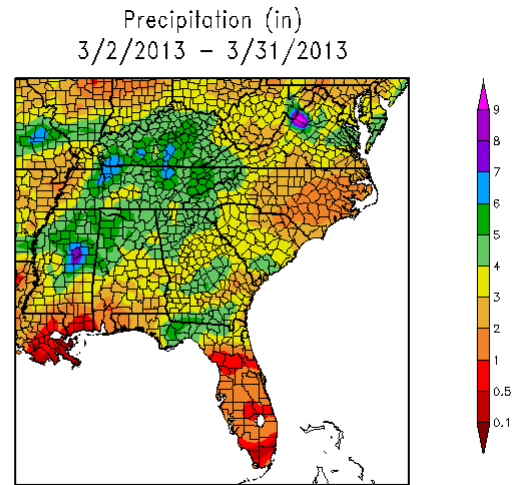
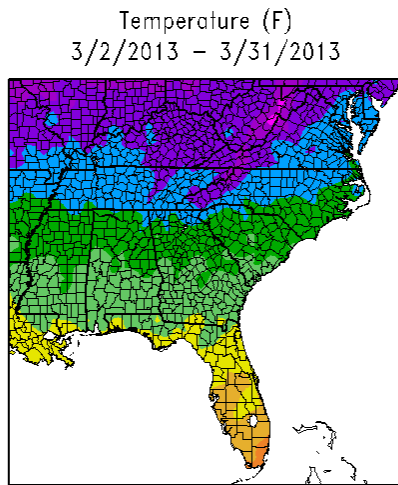
"Tobacco transplanting will begin next week for some. Small grains look good and will need a disease spray in next 10-14 days approximately. Corn planting has been delayed and some are switching to cotton. Land prep is not too wet from recent rains."

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

"Cold temperatures damage young watermelon seedlings and some other produce crops. Field corn had frost damage also."

**Brian Tankersley, Tift County, District 80**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

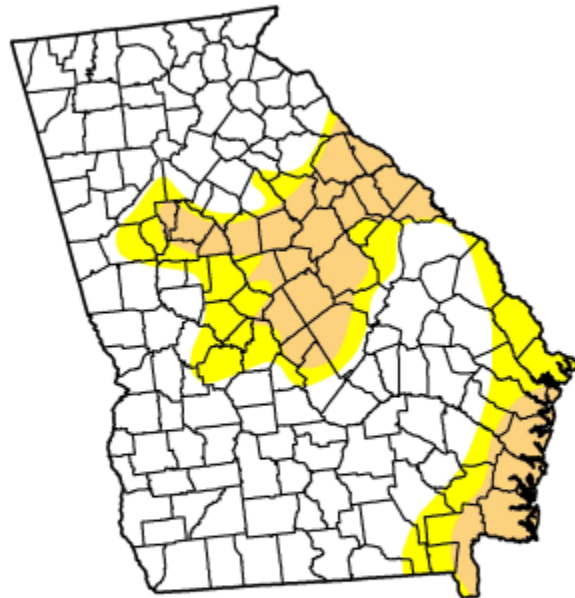
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	68.19	31.81	16.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03/19/2013 map)	20.72	79.28	32.59	16.43	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/25/2012 map)	0.69	99.31	90.61	68.55	37.41	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 (03/20/2012 map)	9.28	90.72	83.12	77.59	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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