



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 2% short, 67% adequate, 31% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 6% short, 71% adequate, 22% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the upper 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the upper 30s to the high 50s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	47	30	82	65
Peaches – Blooming	96	93	94	97
Sorghum – Planted	1	0	4	5
Tobacco – Transplanted	27	16	36	17
Watermelon – Planted	38	15	57	54

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	13	36	39	12
Oats	1	2	32	57	8
Onions	0	2	58	36	4
Peaches	0	9	31	13	47
Range and Pasture	1	8	34	49	8
Rye	0	2	32	59	7
Winter Wheat	0	2	28	58	12

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

County Extension Comments

“Corn growers were trying to get crops in and the rain last week slowed that process down. Some growers were thinking about fungicide applications for wheat crops.”

Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40

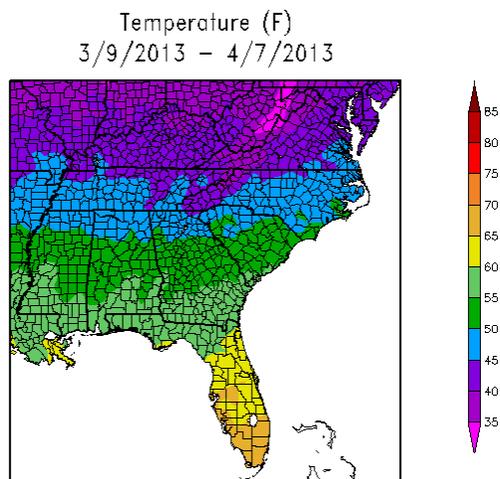
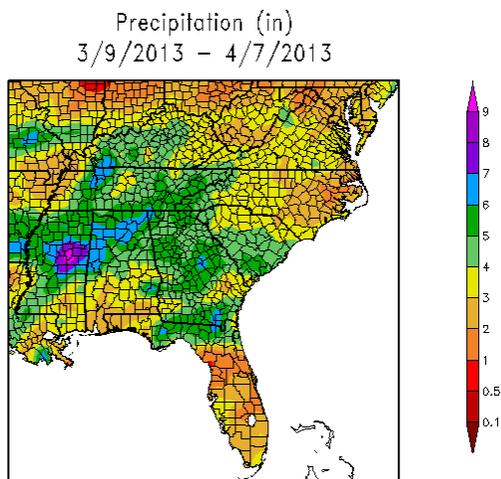
“Small grains were starting to look better and were starting to grow off but the entire crop seemed to be lagging behind. Fields were too wet to get corn in the ground. Planted fields were starting to sprout but were doing so slowly.”

Brent Allen, Washington County, District 50

“Soil temperatures in Grady were good for corn finally. We will be planting corn wide open as soon as our fields dry out so we can plant. We suffered hail damage on transplanted vegetables early this week.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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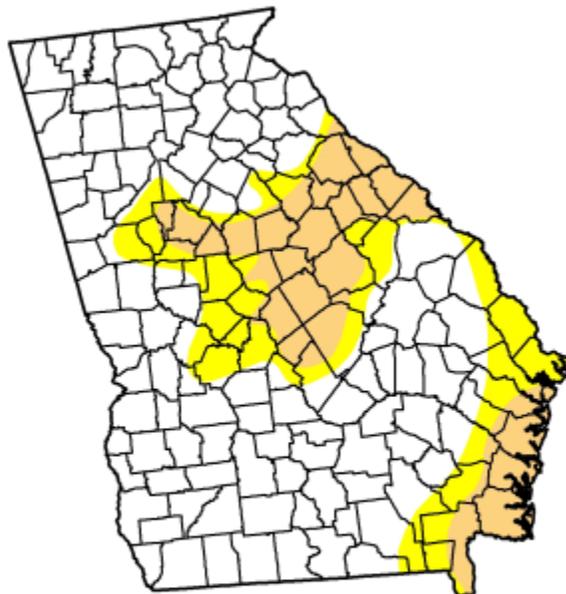
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 2, 2013
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 (03/26/2013 map)	68.19	31.81	16.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/01/2013 map)	1.63	98.37	89.49	64.87	36.96	10.25
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 (03/27/2012 map)	8.30	91.70	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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