



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 3% short, 76% adequate, 21% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 5% short, 78% adequate, 16% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	71	47	92	79
Cotton – Planted	1	N/A	9	2
Sorghum – Planted	4	1	7	8
Tobacco – Transplanted	56	27	66	36
Watermelon – Planted	67	38	79	72

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	12	35	40	13
Corn	0	2	29	62	7
Oats	1	2	32	55	10
Onions	0	0	66	32	2
Peaches	0	16	44	38	2
Range and Pasture	1	5	29	53	12
Rye	0	1	26	65	8
Winter Wheat	0	2	26	58	14

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

County Extension Comments

“Soil temperatures are finally starting to rise enough to think about planting crops. We are still a few weeks away from planting corn. With all of the recent rains, tall fescue pastures are in good shape.”

Clark MacAllister, Dawson County, District 20

“Growers applied fungicide and insecticide to wheat fields; powdery mildew and rust found in wheat fields; corn planting continues; some fields still too wet for work.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Warm days have finally helped warm heavy clay soils and promoted growth in wheat and oats. Ryegrass pasture/hay is picking up with the warm days and abundant moisture as well. There does seem to be minor damage to canola from recent hail storms. Corn silage planting has begun with about 30% of the seed in the ground so far.”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“The rain continues, light showers at the end of the week. Oat, rye, and wheat crops look great, but harvest and planting summer crops could be a delayed due to the moisture.”

Tripp Williams, Columbia County, District 60

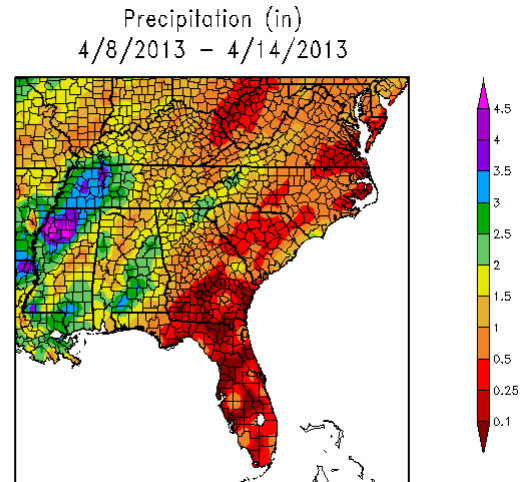
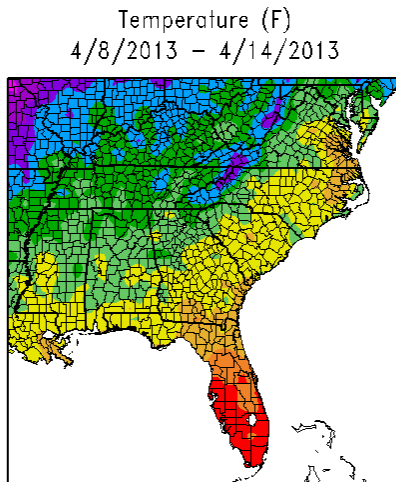
“We are making good progress planting corn and with weed control efforts in corn. Soil temperatures are still too cold for planting cotton and peanuts; however we expect to begin planting cotton next week and will probably start planting peanuts around April 22nd.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

“Drier conditions allowed farmers to get back into fields to continue planting, apply fungicides to wheat, and get soil ready for soybeans and cotton. First pecan fungicide sprays are also beginning now.”

Shane Curry, Appling County, District 90

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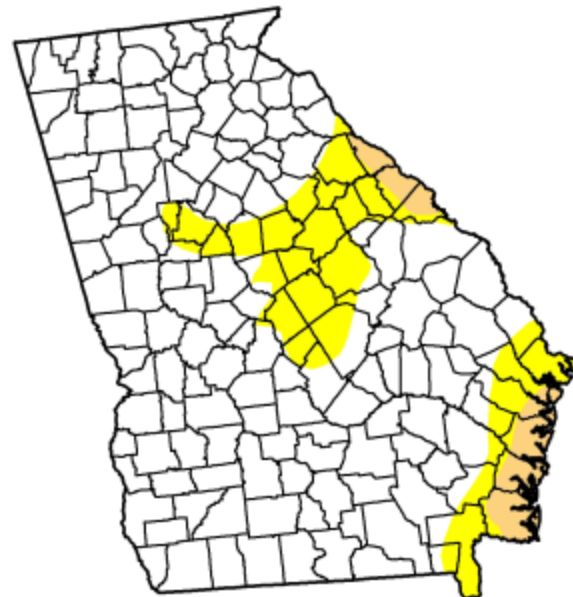
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 9, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.76	19.24	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/02/2013 map)	68.19	31.81	16.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/08/2013 map)	2.36	97.64	87.21	63.68	36.61	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 (04/03/2012 map)	8.30	91.70	83.12	77.59	57.19	5.61



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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