



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 4% short, 73% adequate, 23% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 8% short, 75% 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 low 50s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Planted	82	71	94	88
Cotton – Planted	3	1	12	5
Onions – Harvested	6	0	33	17
Sorghum – Planted	5	4	10	11
Soybeans – Planted	1	0	1	1
Tobacco – Transplanted	76	56	80	58
Watermelon – Planted	80	67	86	83

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	17	30	36	17
Corn	0	2	29	61	8
Oats	1	3	31	56	9
Onions	0	6	25	63	6
Peaches	5	10	25	26	34
Range and Pasture	1	4	30	51	14
Rye	0	1	26	65	8
Tobacco	0	0	20	75	5
Watermelons	2	3	48	47	0
Winter Wheat	0	3	31	52	14

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

County Extension Comments

"A lot of fertilizer has been spread over the last few weeks. We are still getting a weekly rainfall, but we are getting warmer, sunnier weather."

Greg Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

"Warm temperatures have given wheat a tremendous boost. Canola was blooming heavily. Emerging corn looked good and was benefiting from the 80 degree afternoon temperatures. Ryegrass and hay production showed some loss in productivity related to late planting dates and dry conditions early on. Bermuda grass was emerging well in pastures; however, stands appeared slightly diminished due to drought conditions in 2012. Continued rainfall has been a blessing for all crops."

Keith Fielder, Putnum County, District 50

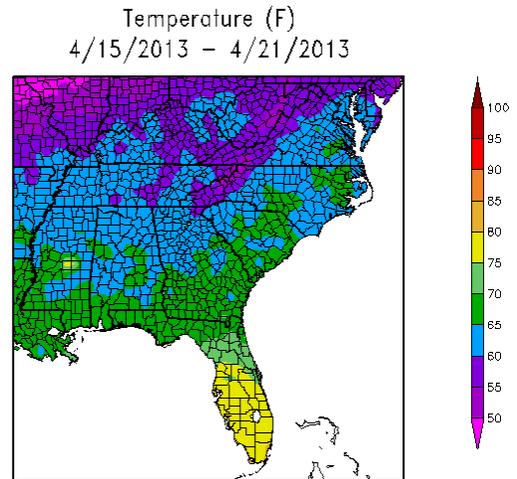
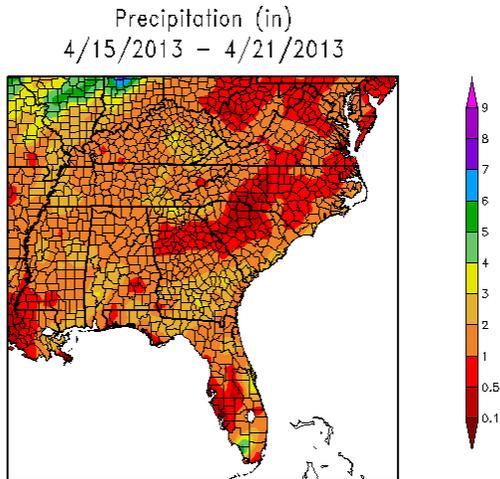
"Corn planting has slowed dramatically due to on-going moisture. Farmers were preparing for peanut and cotton planting."

Wade Parker, Jenkins County, District 60

"Some corn still not planted. Some fields were too wet to work or plant. Weekend rainfall could delay planting or field work. Tobacco looked good and over half planted. Corn planting was over 75% planted and looked good. Small grains looked good."

Mark von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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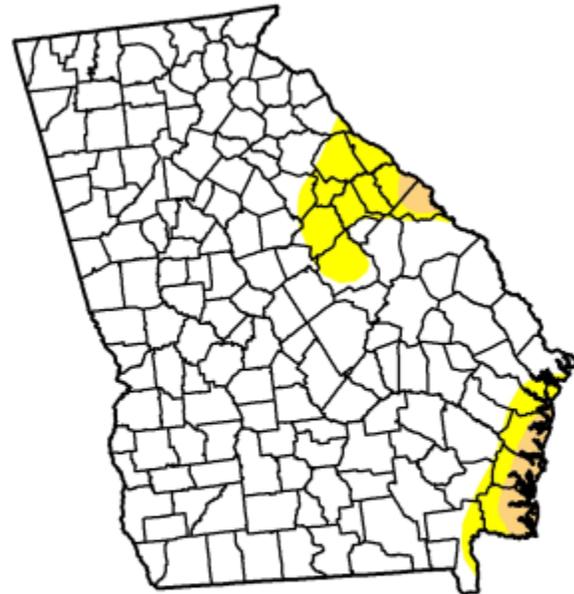
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 16, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.49	9.51	2.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/09/2013 map)	80.76	19.24	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/15/2013 map)	6.19	93.81	91.24	62.53	35.38	10.64
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 (04/10/2012 map)	4.52	95.48	84.22	77.66	63.07	11.32



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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