



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 28, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 6% short, 73% adequate, 21% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 7% short, 74% adequate, 18% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

| Crop Progress                 |           |           |      |          |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|
| Crop                          | This Week | Last Week | 2012 | 5-Yr Avg |
|                               | Percent   |           |      |          |
| Corn – Planted                | 93        | 82        | 97   | 93       |
| Cotton – Planted              | 10        | 3         | 21   | 12       |
| Hay – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting | 6         | N/A       | N/A  | N/A      |
| Oats - Harvested              | 5         | N/A       | N/A  | N/A      |
| Onions – Harvested            | 14        | 6         | 37   | 29       |
| Peanuts - Planted             | 6         | N/A       | 13   | 5        |
| Sorghum – Planted             | 6         | 5         | 14   | 15       |
| Soybeans – Planted            | 2         | 1         | 3    | 4        |
| Tobacco – Transplanted        | 88        | 76        | 91   | 80       |
| Watermelon – Planted          | 90        | 80        | 91   | 91       |

| Crop Condition    |         |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Crop              | VP      | P  | F  | G  | EX |
|                   | Percent |    |    |    |    |
| Blueberries       | 0       | 20 | 30 | 36 | 14 |
| Corn              | 0       | 2  | 27 | 63 | 8  |
| Oats              | 1       | 2  | 29 | 60 | 8  |
| Onions            | 0       | 11 | 32 | 50 | 7  |
| Peaches           | 5       | 6  | 25 | 20 | 44 |
| Range and Pasture | 0       | 2  | 28 | 54 | 16 |
| Rye               | 0       | 1  | 28 | 63 | 8  |
| Tobacco           | 0       | 0  | 18 | 71 | 11 |
| Watermelons       | 1       | 3  | 47 | 46 | 3  |
| Winter Wheat      | 0       | 2  | 27 | 55 | 16 |

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

## County Extension Comments

“Forage producers harvested some oat hay last week. Some dairymen were still trying to plant corn silage. Cotton and peanut planting is starting in this area.”

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

“Wheat was heading but yields looked lower than normal due to unavoidably late planting dates and late freezing conditions. Corn looked good with even stands as a result of adequate April rainfall. Ryegrass hay was being cut with harvests reduced due to the necessary late planting dates and unfortunate late freezes.”

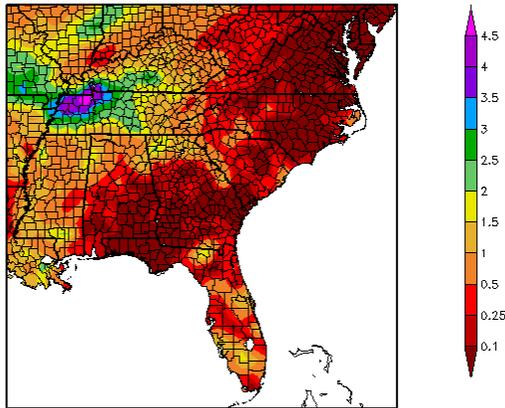
**Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50**

“At the end of this week soil temperatures finally stabilized favorably for planting Peanuts and Cotton. Some of our fields were too wet to work. Next week looks like a big week for planting Peanuts and Cotton. Corn in Grady County was looking better now that soils have warmed.”

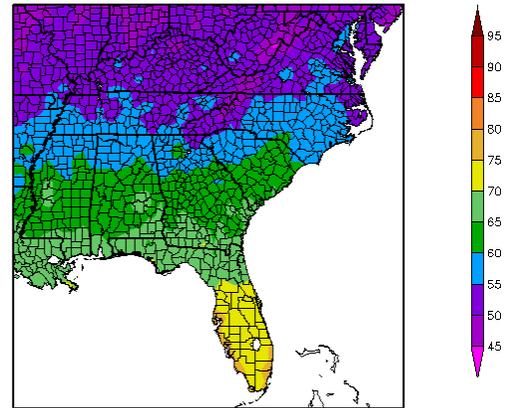
**Don Clark, Grady County, District 70**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)  
4/22/2013 - 4/28/2013



Temperature (F)  
4/22/2013 - 4/28/2013



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

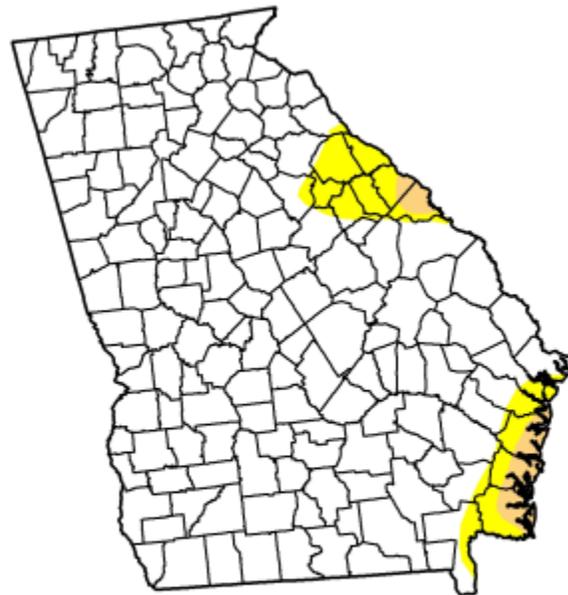
April 23, 2013  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Current                                       | 92.24 | 7.76  | 1.91  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| Last Week<br>(04/16/2013 map)                 | 90.49 | 9.51  | 2.06  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| 3 Months Ago<br>(01/22/2013 map)              | 8.12  | 91.88 | 87.51 | 61.29 | 34.57 | 10.64 |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>(01/01/2013 map) | 1.63  | 98.37 | 89.49 | 64.87 | 36.96 | 10.25 |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>(09/25/2012 map)    | 37.30 | 62.70 | 52.44 | 42.66 | 34.04 | 17.18 |
| One Year Ago<br>(04/17/2012 map)              | 4.39  | 95.61 | 84.94 | 79.01 | 66.35 | 20.15 |

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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