



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 5, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 2% short, 58% adequate, 40% surplus. Subsoil moisture 3% short, 70% adequate, 27% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the upper 40s to the mid 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Blueberries – Harvested	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corn – Planted	95	93	100	98
Cotton – Planted	17	10	26	20
Hay – 1 st Cutting	18	6	N/A	N/A
Oats - Harvested	6	5	N/A	N/A
Onions – Harvested	27	14	58	42
Peanuts - Planted	10	6	29	13
Rye – Harvested	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sorghum – Planted	7	6	20	19
Soybeans – Planted	3	2	9	7
Tobacco – Transplanted	97	88	97	93
Watermelon – Planted	96	90	96	96
Winter Wheat – Harvested	3	N/A	N/A	N/A

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Blueberries	0	18	44	28	10
Corn	0	3	22	68	7
Oats	1	2	29	58	10
Onions	0	1	37	59	3
Peaches	9	1	23	20	47
Range and Pasture	0	2	22	60	16
Rye	0	1	30	59	10
Tobacco	0	0	14	76	10
Watermelons	1	3	39	50	7
Winter Wheat	0	3	23	58	16

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

County Extension Comments

“Extremely wet soils have slowed the normal spring farm/field operations.”

Norman Edwards, Walker County, District 10

“Scattered rains early in week. Heavy rains fell over the weekend. Growers were fertilizing corn. Some cotton planted. Small grains look good.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

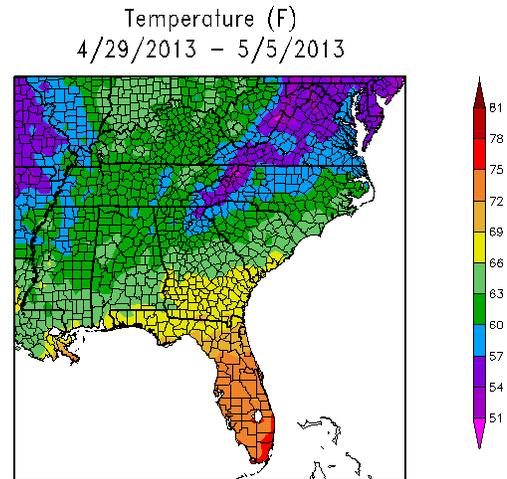
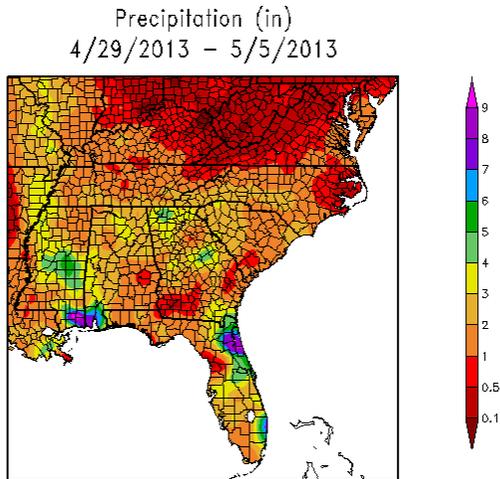
“Spring was much wetter and cooler this year. Lots of rain this week causing delays in planting and harvesting hay. Grazing has benefited greatly from the rains.”

John H. Pope, Monroe County, District 50

“We received from 1.6 to 3.0 inches of rain in Grady County this week which kept us from planting in most fields. Farmers are ready to roll hard planting cotton and peanuts as soon as they can stand up in the fields. Soil temperatures were finally favorable for planting cotton and peanuts.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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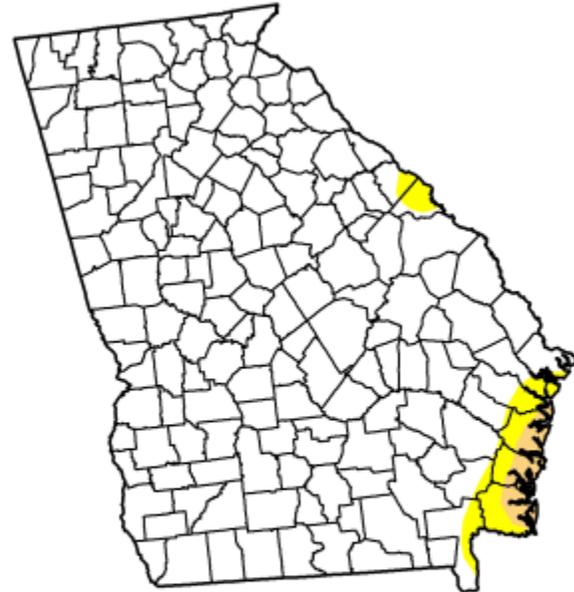
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 30, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.58	4.42	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (04/23/2013 map)	92.24	7.76	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (01/29/2013 map)	8.30	91.70	86.57	82.44	43.58	11.99
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 (04/24/2012 map)	7.11	92.89	84.28	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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