



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 16, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.5 inches rain up to 5.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60's to the mid 70's. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30's to the high 40's.

County Extension Comments

“Extremely cold winter. Hay quality from last year was bad so with the cold winter a lot of cows and other grazing animals will be happy to see grass grow. We are having the usual cold snaps. We had some great rain yesterday and overnight so ground is soaked now. Very difficult to get spring fertilizer out right now.”

Gregory Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

“Excessive moisture continues to delay corn planting. Very little corn has been planted thus far.”

Wade Parker, Jenkins County, District 60

“Wheat looks good. We have powdery mildew in fields, but no signs of rust. Corn planting is beginning, but field conditions are not suitable for planting as of now with rain.”

Andrew Sawyer, Thomas County, District 80

“Rye and wheat look good, no major disease or insect problems. Soil temperatures almost warm enough for planting corn.”

Andy Shirley, Ben Hill County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/16/14

Crop Stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming .	36	N/A	71	33
Corn - Planted.....	9	N/A	4	11
Peaches - Blooming	43	N/A	56	52
Watermelon - Planted...	6	N/A	6	4

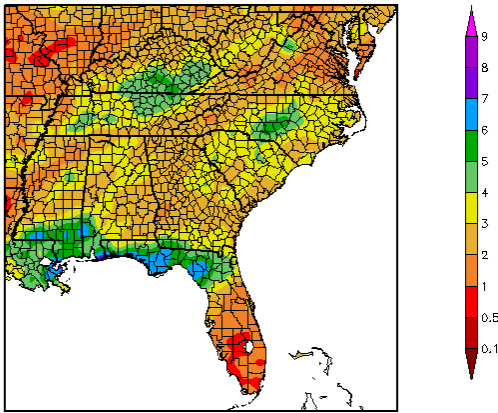
Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/16/14

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Oats	0	2	52	43	3
Onion	0	0	20	80	0
Rye.....	0	2	51	45	2
Pasture and range.....	5	16	49	29	1
Winter wheat.....	1	4	41	51	3

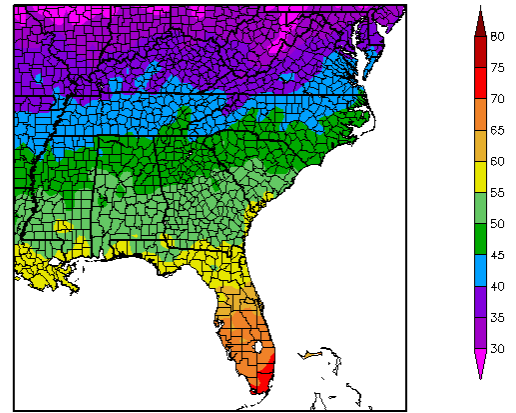
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/16/14

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	N/A	2
Short	1	N/A	12
Adequate	44	N/A	57
Surplus.....	55	N/A	20
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	2	N/A	N/A
Short	3	N/A	N/A
Adequate	60	N/A	N/A
Surplus.....	35	N/A	N/A

Precipitation (in)
2/14/2014 - 3/15/2014



Temperature (F)
2/14/2014 - 3/15/2014



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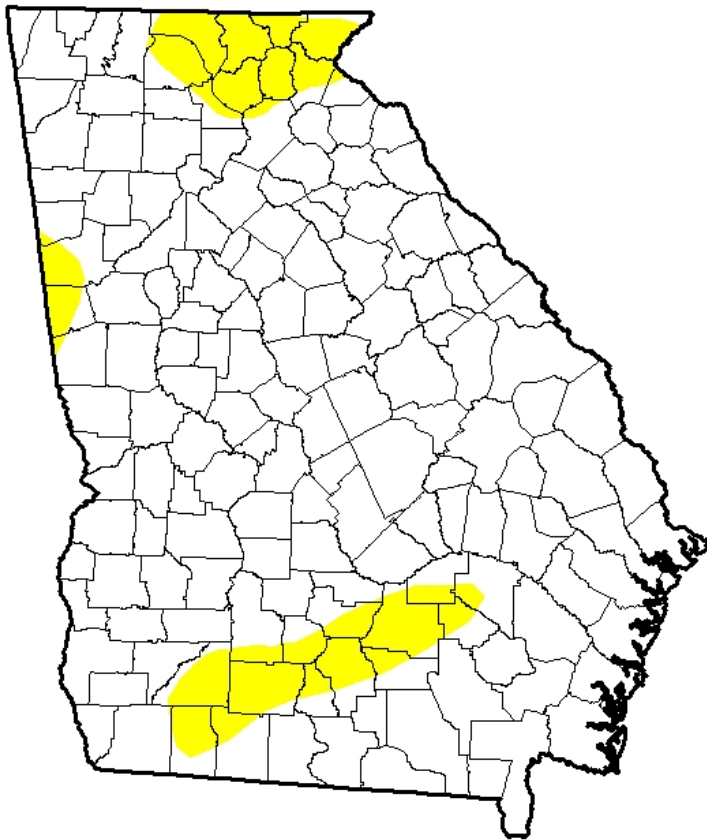
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	89.62	10.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 3/4/2014	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12/10/2013	50.21	49.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2013	92.36	7.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 3/12/2013	19.54	80.46	36.41	17.64	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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