



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 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 23, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 of an inch of rain up to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

**County Extension Comments**

“We are having typical cool mornings and warmer afternoons. Sunday was real windy. Spring grass has not taken off yet. Producers grazing animals are still feeding hay. Hay quality issues has been a problem.”

**Gregory Bowman, Gordon County, District 10**

“Cold winter has most crops significantly behind. Cattle producers continue to feed hay.”

**Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30**

“Winter grains look good. Growers itching to plant corn but soils are wet and cold.”

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50**

“Besides a little common rust on some wheat, the crops that have been planted look great and are on schedule. Livestock is doing good as well.”

**Chris Earls, Candler County, District 60**

“Excessive moisture conditions slow planting of commercial vegetables.”

**Brian Tankersley, Tift County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/23/14**

Crop Stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming .	51	36	95	56
Corn - Planted .....	14	9	16	26
Peaches - Blooming.....	84	43	73	73
Watermelon - Planted...	12	6	9	14

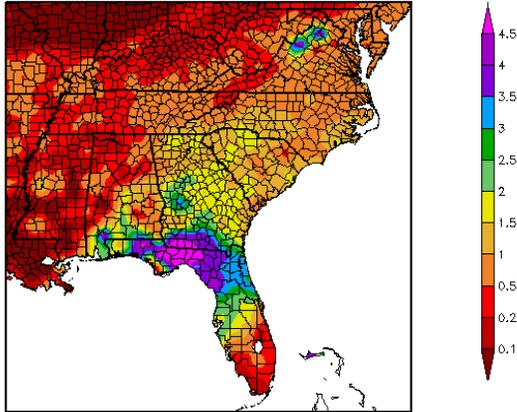
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/23/14**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries .....	0	0	7	71	22
Oats .....	0	5	53	41	1
Onion .....	0	0	8	91	1
Pasture and range ....	3	14	46	35	2
Peaches .....	0	1	6	93	0
Winter wheat.....	1	4	38	53	4

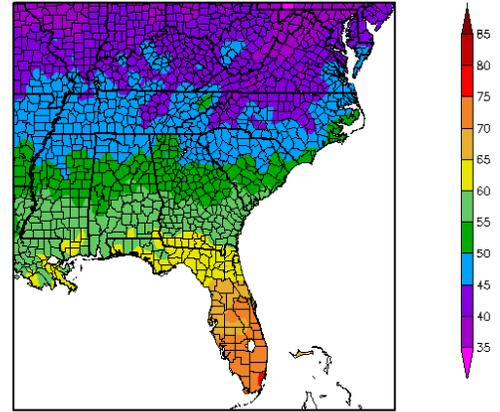
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/23/14**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	3
Short .....	1	1	15
Adequate.....	58	44	61
Surplus.....	41	55	21
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	2	N/A
Short .....	2	3	N/A
Adequate.....	68	60	N/A
Surplus.....	29	35	N/A

Precipitation (in)  
3/17/2014 - 3/23/2014



Temperature (F)  
3/17/2014 - 3/23/2014



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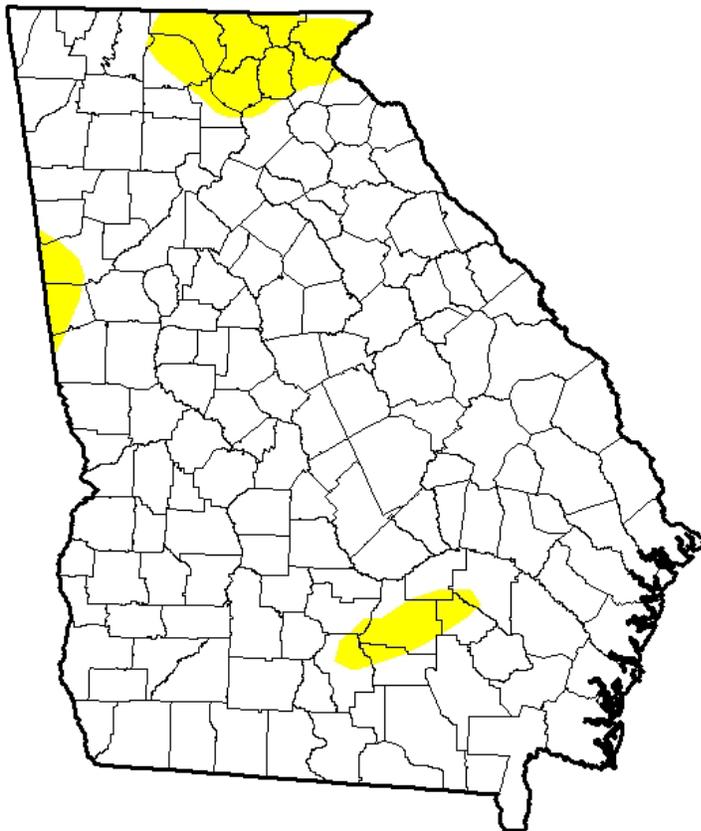
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	93.60	6.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 3/11/2014	89.62	10.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12/17/2013	50.13	49.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/31/2013	92.36	7.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10/1/2013	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 3/19/2013	20.72	79.28	32.59	16.43	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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