



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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 30, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.3 inches of rain up to 1.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

County Extension Comments

“Fruit producers were a little nervous with the cold weather but came out very well considering the potential damage. Peaches and strawberries still look very strong. Bunch grape vines are just starting to reach bud swell.”

Michael Wheeler, Hall County, District 20

“Weather was all over the map, typical for spring. Ryegrass and wheat has finally started picking up and canola should be full bloom this week. Pastures are still in rough shape and any winter annuals have been continuously overgrazed due to slow growth.”

Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30

“With recent cool nights and cloud cover during the day, powdery mildew has really taken a hold in wheat. Corn planting has resumed and many are planting in shifts to get it in before the rain this weekend.”

Brock Ward, Randolph County, District 70

“Watermelon transplanting in full swing after Thursday morning, cold temperatures and wind are causing some damage to new transplants.”

Brian Tankersley, Tift County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/30/14

Crop Stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming .	82	51	97	N/A
Corn - Planted	34	14	28	44
Peaches - Blooming	94	84	90	88
Tobacco - Transplanted	1	N/A	16	7
Watermelon - Planted...	24	12	14	29

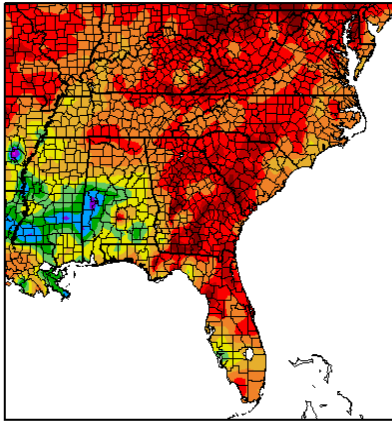
Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/30/14

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	0	0	7	75	18
Oats	0	7	48	44	1
Onion	0	0	10	89	1
Pasture and range	3	11	47	36	3
Peaches	0	3	4	93	0
Rye	0	3	50	44	3
Winter wheat	1	4	34	56	5

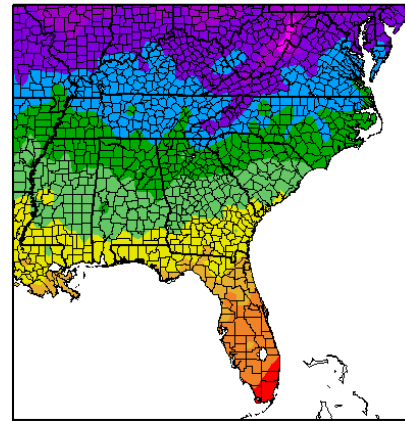
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/30/14

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	0	0	2
Short	2	1	13
Adequate	68	58	61
Surplus	30	41	24
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	1	1	N/A
Short	2	2	N/A
Adequate	75	68	N/A
Surplus	22	29	N/A

Precipitation (in)
3/23/2014 - 3/29/2014



Temperature (F)
3/23/2014 - 3/29/2014



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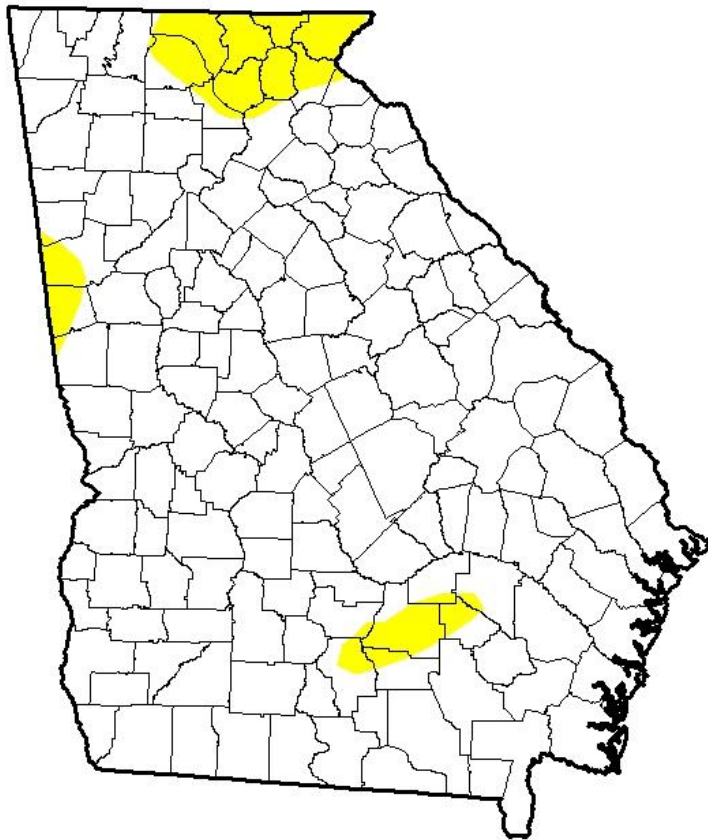
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.48	6.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>3/18/2014</i>	93.60	6.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12/24/2013</i>	71.62	28.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/2/2013</i>	92.36	7.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10/1/2013</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>3/26/2013</i>	68.19	31.81	16.42	0.00	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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