



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 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 27, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Corn has begun being planted early last week. Soil moisture is adequate. All forages and wheat are in great condition. First cuttings of hay and baleage have begun for some. 3 to 5 inches of rain expected on the 29th and 30th. Farmers will need to push hard for planting today or wait until things dry out a bit.”

Nathan Eason, White County, District 20

“Early soybeans should be going in by next week. Canola is still blooming and seed pods are starting to fill.”

Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30

“Ryegrass stands have benefitted from the rainfall and cooler conditions. Potential ryegrass silage and baleage yields are at or above the norm at this point. Bermuda stands show some stress from rain related fertility loss. Wet ground is an issue in applying fertilizer in some areas. Wheat, oat, and rye stands look good where conditions have allowed fertilization. Stands are diminished on wet ground. Wet, cool soils have delayed corn planting”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“Fields are beginning to regain accessibility.”

Garvie Nichols, Brooks County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/27/14

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn Planted	88	82	91	93
Cotton - Planted	4	1	9	11
Hay - 1 st Cutting	2	N/A	5	N/A
Oats - Harvested	1	N/A	4	N/A
Onions - Harvested	15	N/A	13	25
Peanuts - Planted	6	N/A	5	5
Sorghum - Planted	32	21	6	12
Soybeans - Planted	1	N/A	2	3
Tobacco Transplanted....	76	35	86	79
Watermelons Planted	90	84	89	90

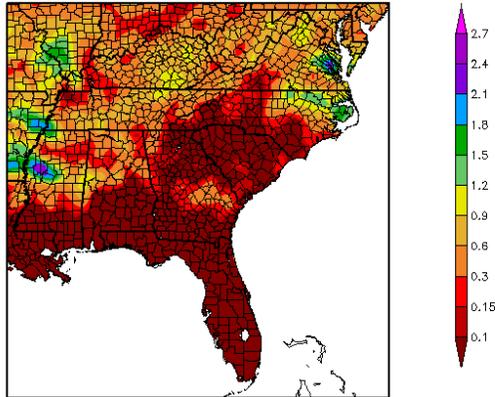
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/27/14

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	0	0	19	64	17
Corn	0	7	30	62	1
Oats	0	6	44	47	3
Onions	0	3	16	72	9
Pasture and range.....	1	6	43	44	6
Peaches	0	2	10	88	0
Rye	1	4	46	45	4
Watermelons	0	6	38	54	2
Winter Wheat	1	3	31	58	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/27/14

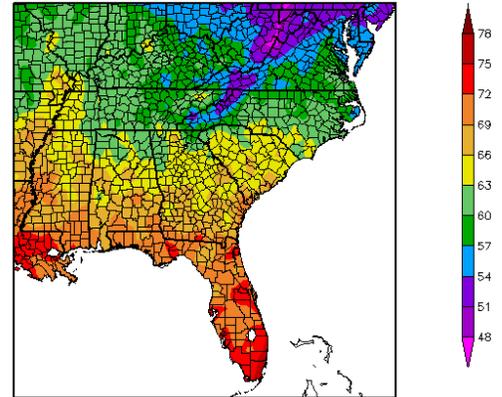
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	6
Short	3	1	25
Adequate.....	64	58	60
Surplus.....	33	41	9
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	N/A
Short	2	2	N/A
Adequate.....	69	65	N/A
Surplus.....	29	33	N/A

Precipitation (in)
4/21/2014 - 4/27/2014



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Temperature (F)
4/21/2014 - 4/27/2014



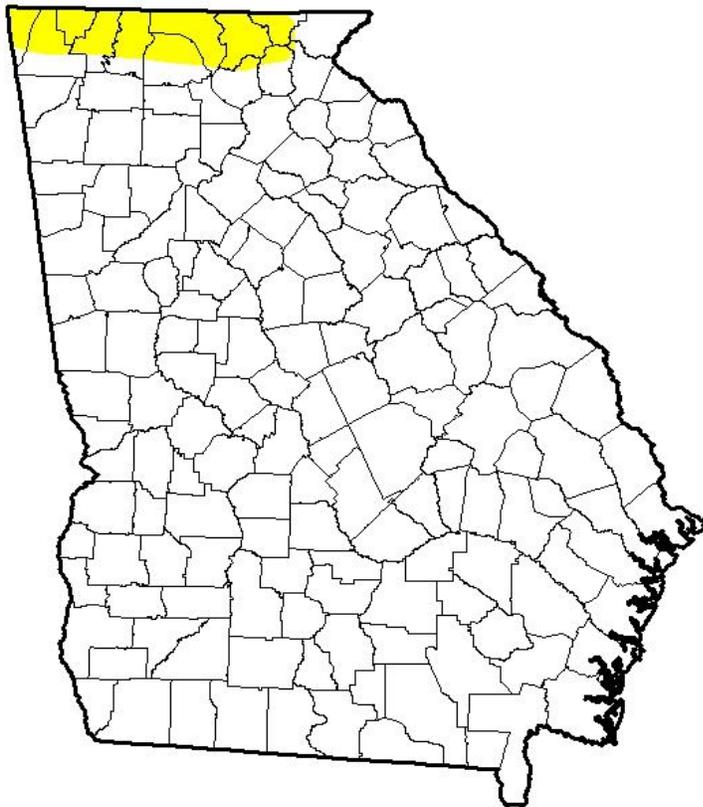
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	96.21	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/15/2014	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/21/2014	100.00	0.00	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 4/23/2013	92.24	7.76	1.91	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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