



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



Cooperating with the Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 320 · Athens, GA 30601 · (706) 546-2236  
www.nass.usda.gov

May 12, 2014

Media Contact: Jim Ewing

**General**

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 11, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

“Hay cutting began at full swing and most producers had great weather to gather their bales before the end of the week. Appears that tall fescue was cut at the right maturity for making quality hay. Forage testing is encouraged this year, especially after last year’s terrible quality.”

**Michael Wheeler, Hall County, District 20**

“Canola bloom is nearly complete. Pod set looks good. Ryegrass hay harvesting has begun with sufficient heat and dry conditions to cure properly. Ryegrass baleage yields are average to just slightly above average. Quality of ryegrass hay and baleage appears good to excellent. Corn planted benefited from dryer conditions.”

**Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50**

“Last week was the best we’ve had all season for planting operations as we are starting to see cotton and peanuts cracking the ground. Watermelons on plastic improved last week with sunshine. Wheat starting to dry down some but there is some issues with fusarium infecting heads.”

**Ronnie Barentine, Dooly County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/11/14**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested.....	13	2	24	N/A
Corn - Planted.....	97	93	95	99
Cotton - Planted.....	24	7	22	29
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	41	16	22	N/A
Oats - Harvested.....	11	2	8	N/A
Onions - Harvested.....	61	31	42	51
Peanuts - Planted.....	30	13	17	24
Rye - Harvested.....	6	3	5	N/A
Sorghum - Planted.....	45	33	11	18
Soybeans - Planted.....	11	3	6	11
Tobacco - Transplanted....	93	86	97	98
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	7	6	5	6

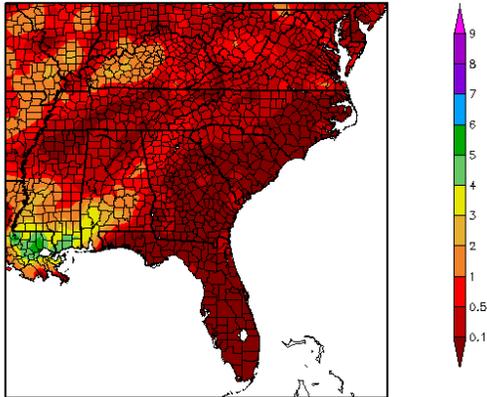
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/11/14**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	0	0	14	50	36
Corn.....	1	7	35	53	4
Oats.....	0	6	44	46	4
Onions.....	0	4	24	42	30
Pasture and range.....	0	5	37	49	9
Peaches.....	0	2	11	87	0
Rye.....	0	4	44	47	5
Tobacco.....	1	3	36	50	10
Watermelons.....	0	5	38	54	3
Winter Wheat.....	0	5	31	55	9

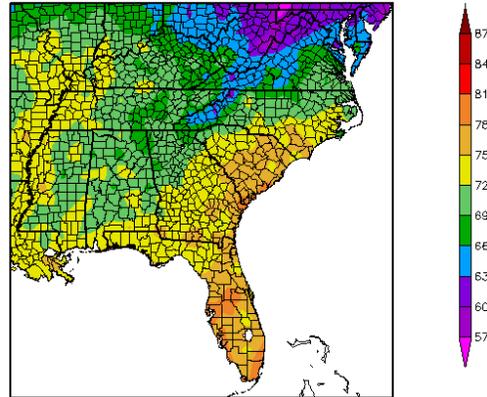
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/11/14**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	8
Short.....	9	3	23
Adequate.....	71	55	57
Surplus.....	20	42	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	1	0	N/A
Short.....	6	3	N/A
Adequate.....	73	58	N/A
Surplus.....	20	39	N/A

Precipitation (in)  
5/5/2014 - 5/11/2014



Temperature (F)  
5/5/2014 - 5/11/2014



Generated 5/12/2014 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers Generated 5/12/2014 at HPRCC using provisional data.

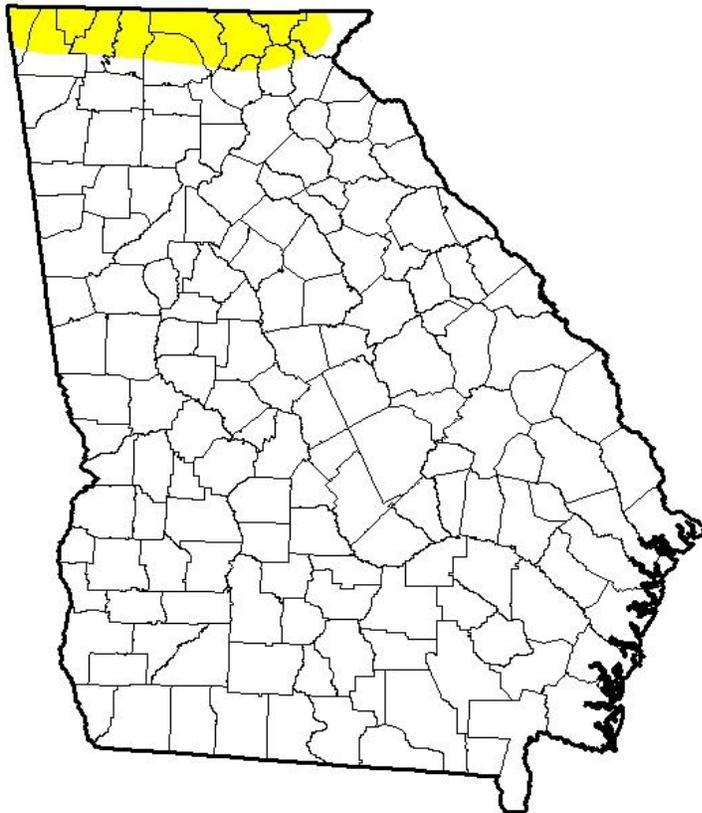
Regional Climate Centers

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 6, 2014**  
(Released Thursday, May 8, 2014)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	95.76	4.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>4/29/2014</i>	96.21	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>2/4/2014</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/2/2013</i>	92.36	7.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10/1/2013</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>5/7/2013</i>	99.25	0.75	0.00	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.*

**Author:**

Mark Svoboda  
National Drought Mitigation Center



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>