



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 South Carolina Field Office, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 19, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.6 inches of rain up to 5.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s.

**County Extension Comments**

“Planting delayed due to constant rainfall.”  
**Paul Pugliese, Bartow County, District 10**

“We continue to pick up rain every few days. The weather is forcing farmers to push activities back until the fields can dry. Pastures are green and looking good. Farmers are very pleased with pasture conditions across the county.”

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

“Extremely wet conditions this past week. We are seeing white mold in canola and much of our rye is lodged due to heavy rain. Early soybean planting will be at least a week or two delayed until field conditions allow.”

**Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30**

Ryegrass growth has surged with recent rainfall and higher temps. Some ryegrass stands are rapidly approaching over maturity.

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

“Wet and rainy conditions delaying field work. Burn down herbicides being applied in fields that are not too wet.”

**Bill Tyson, Bulloch County, District 60**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/19/15**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	83	82	95	NA
Corn - Planted.....	79	67	81	87
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	1	4
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	1	0	NA	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	9	NA	NA	12
Peaches - Blooming.....	98	80	100	100
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	0	2	1
Sorghum - Planted.....	16	11	20	11
Tobacco - Transplanted..	35	14	32	57

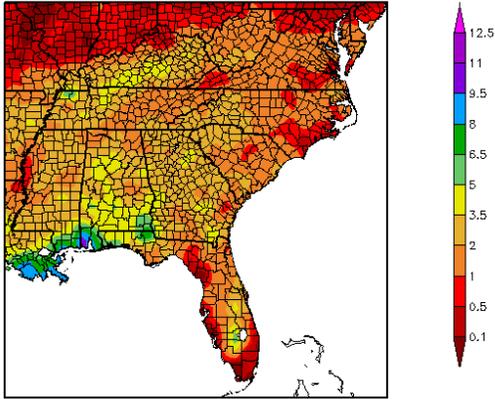
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/19/15**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	4	8	29	44	15
Cattle.....	0	2	29	59	10
Corn.....	0	1	26	58	15
Oats.....	1	4	33	58	4
Onions.....	0	3	24	60	13
Pasture and range.....	1	7	29	52	11
Peaches.....	0	0	3	93	4
Rye.....	1	7	42	45	5
Winter Wheat.....	0	4	38	51	7

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/19/15**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	2	4
Short.....	4	17	22
Adequate.....	54	67	59
Surplus.....	42	14	15
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	2	NA
Short.....	6	13	NA
Adequate.....	65	76	NA
Surplus.....	29	9	NA

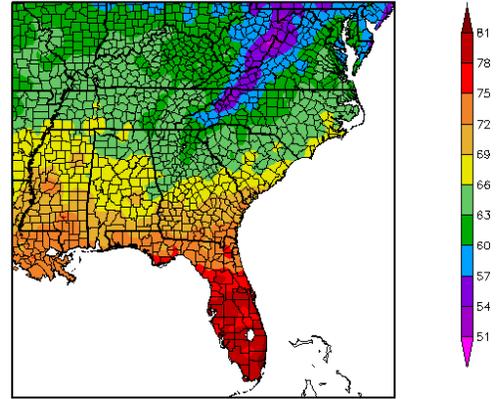
Precipitation (in)  
4/13/2015 - 4/19/2015



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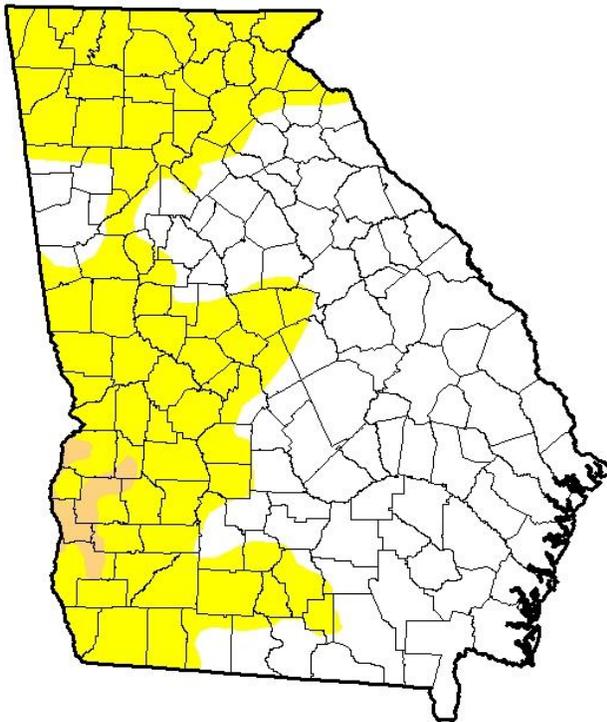
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**April 14, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.88	44.12	1.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 4/7/2015	51.17	48.83	2.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 1/13/2015	96.59	3.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/30/2014	94.23	5.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/30/2014	41.99	58.01	15.39	4.76	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 4/15/2014	100.00	0.00	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.

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