



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 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.5 inches of rain up to 2.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Still too wet to plant corn. Had about an inch of rain for Murray and Whitfield Counties.”

Brenda Jackson, Murray County, District 10

“Substantial rain in Macon County has contributed to near flood conditions in the Flint River and surrounding areas. Soils are increasingly receiving a surplus of water.”

Mark Bailey, Macon County, District 40

“Excess moisture is delaying harvest of ryegrass hay and ryegrass silage crop. More than half of ryegrass stands are approaching over maturity. Excess moisture also has corn planting at stand still.”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“Some heavy rains and strong winds but no damage. Cool mornings. Planting is going into full swing.”

Ray Hicks, Screven County, District 60

“With recent rains, several crops are having some lodging issues as well as some increased disease pressure. Growers are gearing up to resume planting of peanuts and cotton as well as apply early post herbicides and side dressing fertilizer to their corn.”

Brock Ward, Miller County, District 70

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	98	83	95	99
Corn - Planted.....	87	79	87	92
Cotton - Planted.....	3	1	4	10
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	10	1	2	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	26	9	13	23
Peanuts - Planted.....	6	1	5	5
Sorghum - Planted.....	18	16	30	16
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	NA	1	2
Tobacco - Transplanted..	85	35	70	81

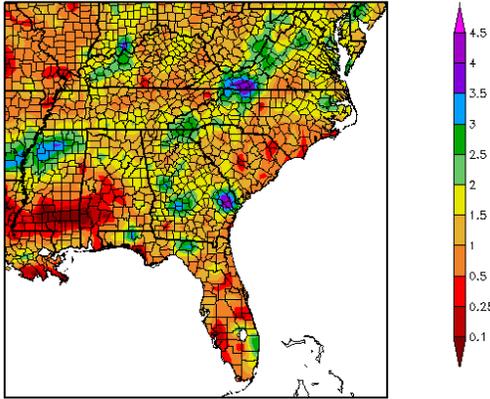
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/26/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	4	6	47	31	12
Cattle.....	0	2	27	61	10
Corn.....	0	2	26	59	13
Oats.....	2	4	31	59	4
Onions.....	0	3	34	50	13
Pasture and range.....	1	6	27	54	12
Peaches.....	0	0	5	81	14
Rye.....	1	7	42	45	5
Winter Wheat.....	1	5	36	51	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	5
Short.....	4	4	23
Adequate.....	62	54	58
Surplus.....	34	42	14
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	6	6	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	NA
Surplus.....	29	29	NA

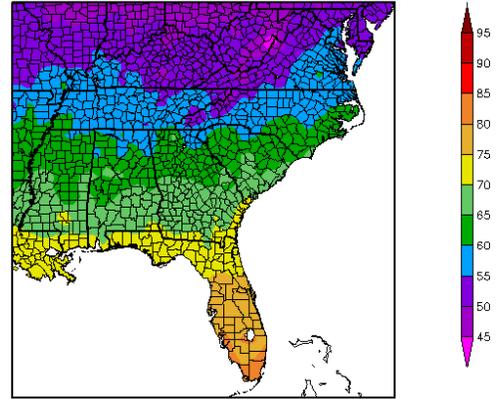
Precipitation (in)
4/20/2015 - 4/26/2015



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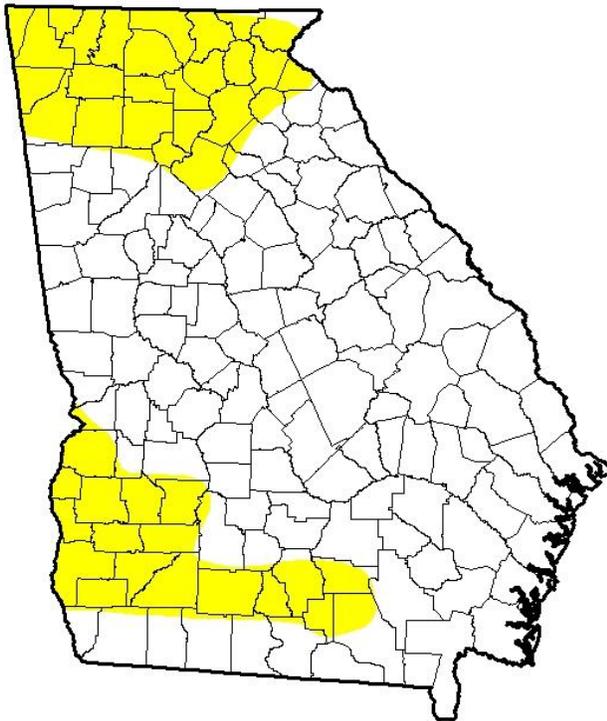
Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



April 21, 2015

(Released Thursday, Apr. 23, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.68	25.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/14/2015	55.88	44.12	1.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/20/2015	93.46	6.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	94.23	5.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/20/2014	41.99	58.01	15.39	4.76	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/22/2014	96.21	3.79	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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