



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 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 3, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 1.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

**County Extension Comments**

"Producers were able to take advantage of the dry weather and hay cutting has begun. First cutting of alfalfa was also made this week. Producers are glad to be able to work the fields after being wet for the past few weeks."

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

"Clear weather has everyone in the hay fields cutting ryegrass. Early beans are being planted now as well."

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

"Relatively dry week. Lots of ryegrass finally being cut."

**Trae Gafney, Jasper County, District 50**

"Many farmers are resuming operations for cotton and peanuts. Disease pressure on small grains has been higher than normal for this time of year and a few fields have pollination problems caused by weather."

**Brock Ward, Miller County, District 70**

"Have some wheat and rye diseases affecting yield. Wet soil has delayed planting but next week look to begin planting cotton and peanuts. A little corn drowned."

**Mark von Waldner, Coffee County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/15**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	9	NA	2	NA
Corn - Planted.....	91	87	92	96
Cotton - Planted.....	7	3	7	17
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	29	10	14	NA
Onions - Harvested .....	31	26	29	38
Peanuts - Planted.....	10	6	12	12
Sorghum - Planted .....	26	18	33	18
Soybeans - Planted.....	5	1	3	4
Tobacco - Transplanted .	95	85	85	93

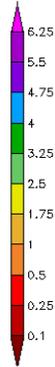
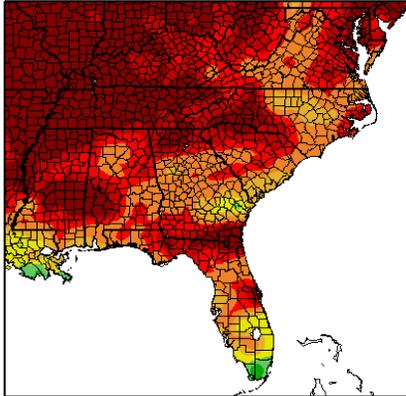
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/03/15**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	4	6	50	29	11
Cattle .....	0	2	25	60	13
Corn.....	0	3	26	55	16
Oats.....	1	5	31	59	4
Onions .....	0	3	45	39	13
Pasture and range.....	0	5	25	56	14
Peaches.....	0	0	3	83	14
Rye .....	1	8	43	44	4
Tobacco.....	0	5	17	74	4
Winter Wheat.....	1	7	35	50	7

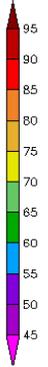
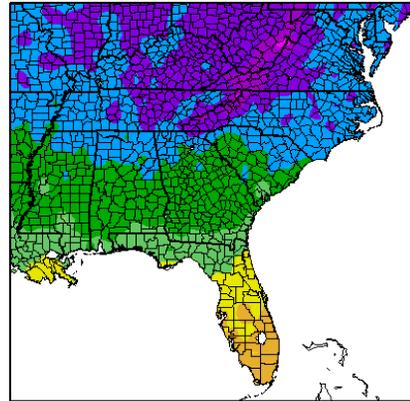
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/15**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	7
Short.....	7	4	23
Adequate.....	70	62	52
Surplus.....	23	34	18
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	8	6	NA
Adequate.....	69	65	NA
Surplus.....	23	29	NA

Precipitation (in)  
4/27/2015 - 5/3/2015



Temperature (F)  
4/27/2015 - 5/3/2015



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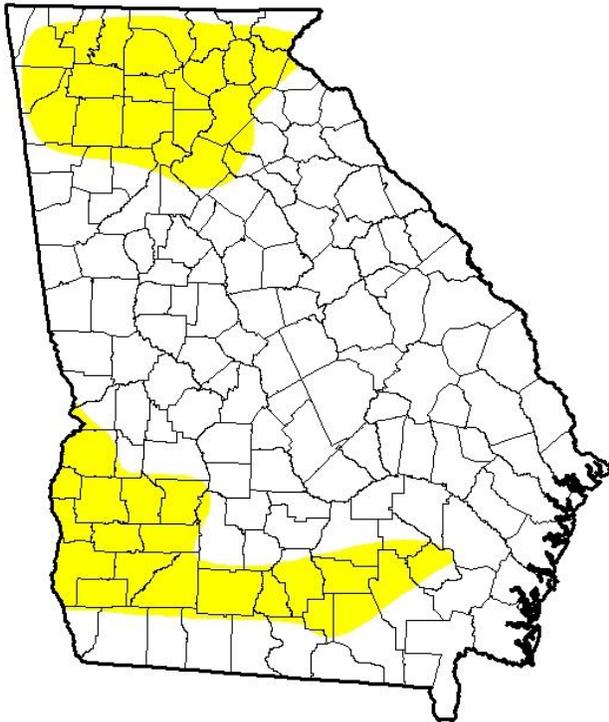
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**April 28, 2015**

(Released Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.60	25.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 4/21/2015	74.68	25.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 1/27/2015	91.55	8.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/23/2014	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> 4/28/2014	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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