



United States Department of Agriculture
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Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 60s.

County Extension Comments

“No rain in 10 days or more for White County. Lack of soil moisture is making it extremely difficult to drill millet and sorghum into existing pastures. All of the corn has been planted, but the lack of moisture may pose germination issues.”

Nathan Eason, White County, District 20

“Farmers still getting first cutting hay done. Ground starting to get dry. Wine grapes are starting to bloom.”

Paula Burke, Carroll County, District 40

“Wheat head blast showing up. Flies in livestock.”

Ray Hicks, Screven County, District 60

“Dry conditions have stopped some dryland planting. Wheat crop has significant amounts of disease throughout the crop. Irrigated corn crop looks good. Dryland corn crop is beginning to suffer from drought stress.”

Nick McGhee, Terrell County, District 70

“Colquitt County area is dry, a rain is needed badly. Wheat harvest is beginning and some disappointing yields are being reported. Corn crop is getting into V10 and V12 stage of development. Cotton and peanut planting is in full swing.”

Jeremy Kichler, Colquitt County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested.....	46	24	27	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	44	19	41	45
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	77	58	49	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	9	1	13	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	73	46	67	65
Peaches - Harvested.....	9	NA	2	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	50	28	46	45
Rye - Harvested.....	8	2	14	16
Sorghum - Planted.....	42	32	47	29
Soybeans - Planted.....	28	16	19	19
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	9	2	8	15

Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/17/15

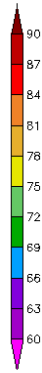
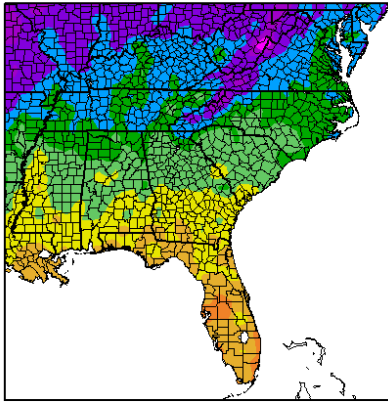
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	4	8	48	28	12
Cattle.....	0	2	24	60	14
Corn.....	0	3	27	54	16
Oats.....	1	6	37	53	3
Onions.....	1	3	45	49	2
Pasture and range.....	0	5	32	52	11
Peaches.....	0	0	3	86	11
Rye.....	2	17	39	38	4
Tobacco.....	1	2	29	56	12
Winter Wheat.....	3	12	37	43	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/17/15

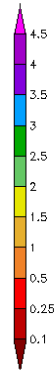
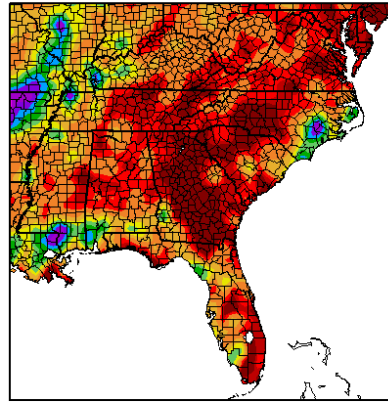
Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	2	9
Short.....	43	22	23
Adequate.....	47	68	57
Surplus.....	4	8	11

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	NA
Short.....	29	14	NA
Adequate.....	65	76	NA
Surplus.....	3	8	NA

Temperature (F)
5/11/2015 – 5/17/2015



Precipitation (in)
5/11/2015 – 5/17/2015



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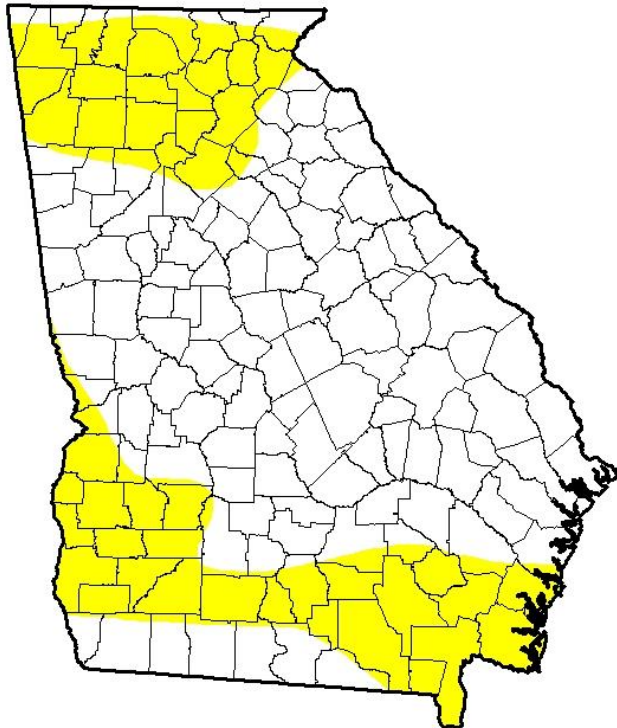
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



May 12, 2015

(Released Thursday, May 14, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	67.29	32.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/5/2015	74.17	25.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/10/2015	86.03	13.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2015	94.23	5.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	41.99	58.01	15.39	4.76	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/13/2014	95.76	4.24	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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