



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 24, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Dry weather in early May in North Georgia puts hay harvest ahead of normal schedule.”

Norman Edwards, Walker County, District 10

“Widely scattered rain this week for some which has helped. First hay cutting about wrapped up. Forage growth has slowed due to low soil moisture. Small grain harvest getting geared up.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Many producers have stopped planting peanuts and cotton. A few scattered showers have kept planters moving in isolated areas of the county.”

Peyton Sapp, Burke County, District 60

“Hit and miss showers in the county. Irrigation running in some places ahead of cotton planters. Dryland corn starting to show effects of dry conditions. Peanuts look pretty good. Just starting grain harvest, full bore next week unless heavy rains occur.”

Jason Blankenship, Quitman County, District 70

“Need rain. It is too dry to plant dryland crops at this point.”

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested.....	48	46	47	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	65	44	63	66
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	87	77	65	NA
Oats - Harvested.....	46	9	26	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	88	73	78	83
Peaches - Harvested.....	15	9	8	20
Peanuts - Planted.....	75	50	67	66
Rye - Harvested.....	30	8	24	32
Sorghum - Planted.....	48	42	54	39
Soybeans - Planted.....	43	28	34	32
Winter Wheat - Harvested.	23	9	15	28

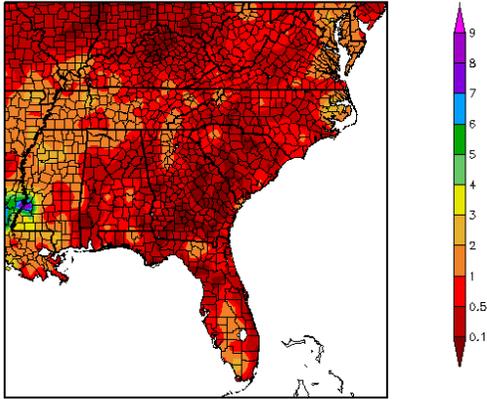
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/24/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	4	8	48	29	11
Cattle.....	0	2	24	60	14
Corn.....	1	4	26	54	15
Oats.....	1	7	35	53	4
Pasture and range.....	1	7	33	50	9
Peaches.....	0	0	7	87	6
Peanuts.....	0	2	28	62	8
Rye.....	2	17	39	38	4
Tobacco.....	1	3	30	53	13
Winter Wheat.....	2	14	38	41	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/24/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	11	6	12
Short.....	48	43	26
Adequate.....	37	47	54
Surplus.....	4	4	8
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	3	NA
Short.....	35	29	NA
Adequate.....	58	65	NA
Surplus.....	3	3	NA

Precipitation (in)
5/18/2015 – 5/24/2015

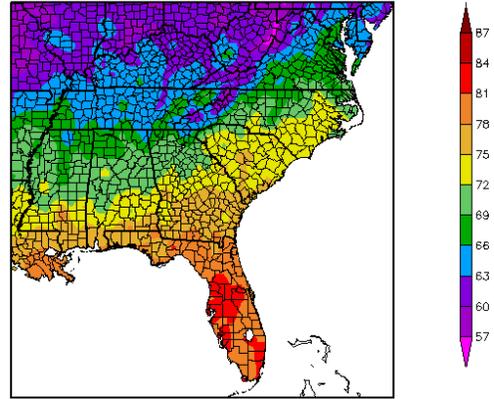


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Temperature (F)
5/18/2015 – 5/24/2015

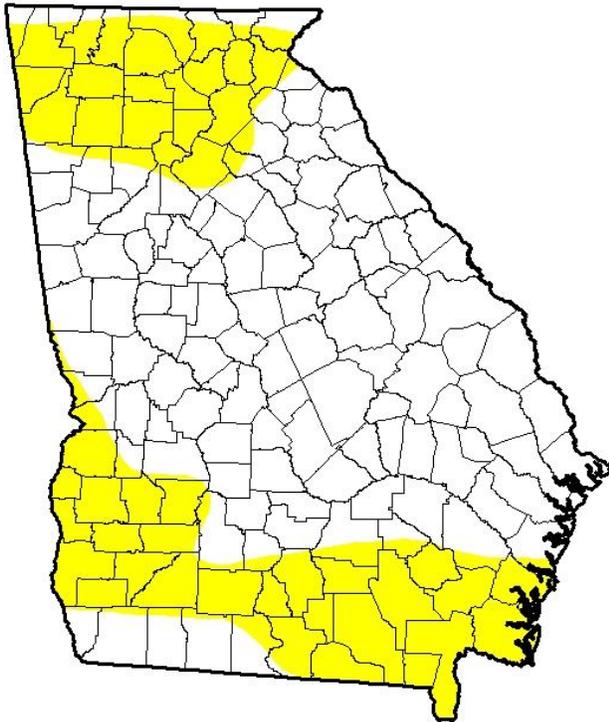


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



May 19, 2015

(Released Thursday, May 21, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.43	34.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/12/2015	67.29	32.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/17/2015	86.03	13.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2014	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 5/20/2014	99.06	0.94	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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