



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 2.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 60s.

County Comments

Dryer weather has allowed corn growers to begin to work their fields and prepare for planting next week. Rye and ryegrass are peaking and providing optimal grazing for those who planted it.

Nathan Eason, White County

Watermelon transplants have been slowed due to the drop in temperature. Rust in rye, corn is looking good in places. Phosphorus deficiency or cold damage in some corn. Oats look really good and are ready to roll for forage.

Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County

Cooler temperatures with excess moisture is slowing our corn growth. Excess rain is hurting our wheat that is planted in low land.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Rain kept farmers out of fields part of the week. Need some dry weather to get caught up. Corn and tobacco planting, and land prep for other crops running behind.

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County

Onion harvest is in full swing. Growers are preparing land to begin planting soybeans, cotton, and peanuts in the next two weeks. Wheat is all headed out.

Chris Tyson, Tattnall County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/17/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	81	72	76	82
Corn - Emerged.....	70	39	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	1	3
Onions - Harvested.....	14	NA	6	9
Peanuts - Planted.....	0	0	1	1
Sorghum - Planted.....	2	0	15	11
Tobacco - Transplanted..	49	29	29	48
Winter Wheat - Headed..	68	38	NA	NA

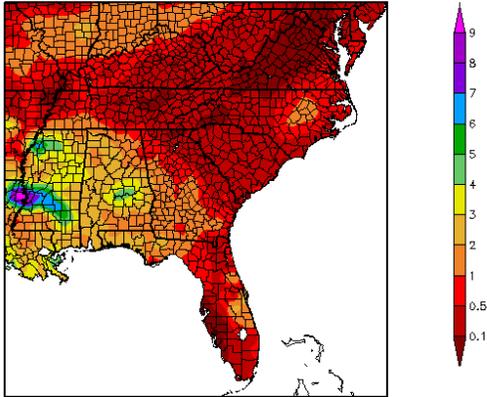
Conditions for Week Ending 04/17/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	0	2	46	49	3
Cattle.....	1	3	17	68	11
Oats.....	0	9	29	53	9
Onions.....	0	1	23	43	33
Pasture and range.....	1	3	28	55	13
Peaches.....	0	0	11	67	22
Rye.....	1	3	43	48	5
Winter Wheat.....	1	5	29	54	11

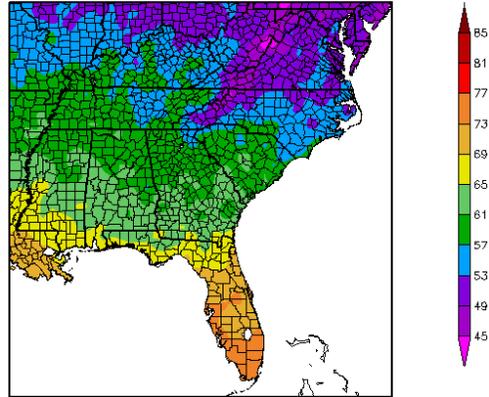
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/17/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	2
Short.....	5	4	13
Adequate.....	55	55	61
Surplus.....	40	41	24
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	1	4
Short.....	4	2	14
Adequate.....	73	74	65
Surplus.....	23	23	17

Precipitation (in)
4/11/2016 - 4/17/2016



Temperature (F)
4/11/2016 - 4/17/2016



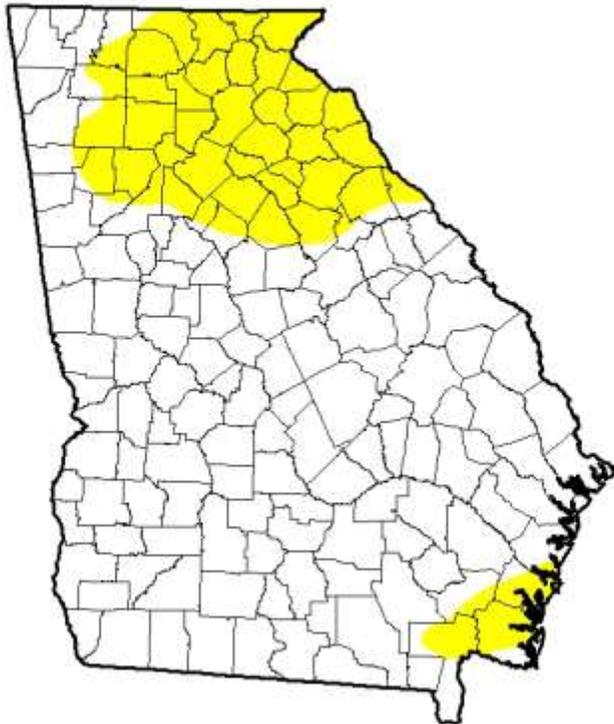
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	79.63	21.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/5/2016	81.27	18.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 1/12/2016	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/14/2015	55.88	44.12	1.67	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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