



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



Cooperating with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service  
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 100 · Athens, GA 30601 · (706) 546-2236  
www.nass.usda.gov

May 2, 2016

Media Contact: Jim Ewing

**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 1, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Pastures and hayfields are turning a little brown. Jackson County is in need of spring showers.

**Greg Pittman, Jackson County**

Some fusarium fungus observed in wheat fields in Macon County. Tan spot also observed on maturing wheat.

**Mark Bailey, Macon County**

Scattered showers during the week. Though not enough to stop field work. Cotton and peanut planting began. Haying has started. Ryegrass cut for silage. Corn looking better with the warm temperature.

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County**

Onion harvest is progressing rapidly with good weather conditions. Most growers have started planting peanuts or cotton. We really need a good rain so our dryland fields can be planted.

**Chris Tyson, Tattnall County**

Tobacco transplanting finished. Applying nitrogen to corn. Begun to plant peanuts and some cotton. Land preparation and applying chemicals and fertilizer in full swing. Great weather.

**Mark von Waldner, Coffee County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	25	3	6	6
Corn - Planted.....	94	88	90	94
Corn - Emerged.....	88	81	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	10	2	6	13
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	34	8	24	17
Oats - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	4
Onions - Harvested.....	50	37	30	35
Peanuts - Planted.....	13	4	9	10
Rye - Harvested.....	0	NA	0	3
Sorghum - Planted.....	7	3	24	20
Soybeans - Planted.....	1	NA	4	3
Tobacco - Transplanted..	89	71	92	91
Winter Wheat - Headed..	93	85	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Harvested	1	NA	0	1

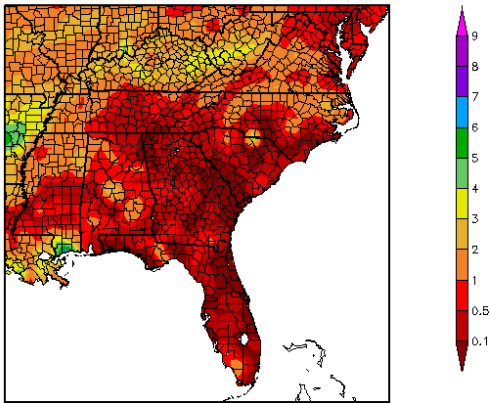
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	1	4	53	37	5
Cattle.....	1	3	17	68	11
Corn.....	0	3	21	58	18
Oats.....	0	10	29	55	6
Onions.....	0	1	23	42	34
Pasture and range.....	2	5	29	53	11
Peaches.....	0	0	12	65	23
Rye.....	1	4	43	47	5
Tobacco.....	0	1	38	47	14
Winter Wheat.....	0	4	31	53	12

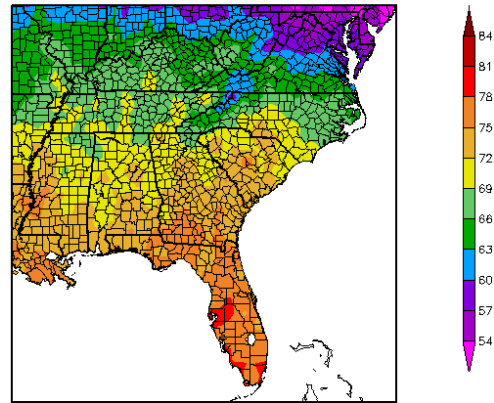
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/01/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	2	7
Short.....	23	15	19
Adequate.....	61	60	51
Surplus.....	13	23	23
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	1	7
Short.....	18	10	20
Adequate.....	73	74	55
Surplus.....	7	15	18

Precipitation (in)  
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



Temperature (F)  
4/25/2016 - 5/1/2016



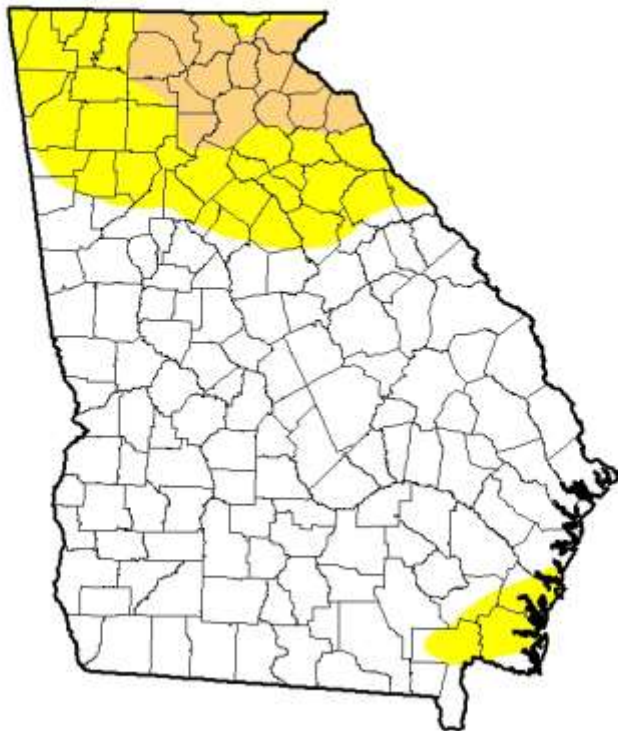
Generated 5/2/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers Generated 5/2/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**April 26, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Apr. 28, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.21	25.79	7.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 4/9/2016	79.58	21.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 1/26/2016	87.40	12.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/31/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 4/26/2015	74.60	25.40	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.

### Author:

Richard Heim  
NCEI/NOAA



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>