



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 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 8, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

Evening showers this past weekend has prevented many cattlemen from getting their first cutting of hay, but most should be able to harvest this weekend. Majority of silage corn has been planted in White County and emerging well with adequate moisture.

**Nathan Eason, White County**

Large areas of Putnam County are missing opportunities for appreciable rainfall. These areas are drying rapidly and dryland crops and pasture conditions are suffering accordingly. Germination of dryland soybeans is spotty so far. Irrigated corn is making great progress with the warmer days.

**Keith Fielder, Putnam` County**

Peanuts and cotton are being planted daily. Colder temperatures starting on May 6<sup>th</sup> have had a slight setback on soil temperature, but still looking pretty good.

**Seth McAllister, Terrell County**

Side dressing tobacco with fertilizer. Planting cotton and peanuts. Applying nitrogen side dress to corn. Getting soils ready to plant. Windy cool snap but in general great planting weather. No disease issues so far in the field.

**Mark von Waldner, Coffee County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/08/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	31	25	20	19
Corn - Planted.....	96	94	94	97
Corn - Emerged.....	90	88	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	24	10	16	21
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	52	34	50	37
Oats - Harvested.....	5	0	1	10
Onions - Harvested .....	75	50	42	50
Peanuts - Planted.....	29	13	23	22
Rye - Harvested .....	5	0	1	7
Sorghum - Planted .....	15	7	30	24
Soybeans - Planted.....	13	1	13	8
Tobacco - Transplanted .	96	89	95	96
Winter Wheat - Headed..	95	93	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Harvested	4	1	1	5

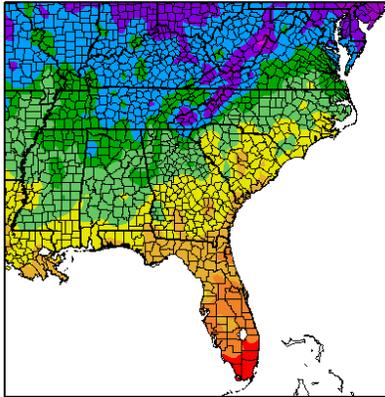
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/08/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	1	4	40	41	14
Cattle .....	1	3	17	66	13
Corn .....	0	3	21	56	20
Oats .....	0	9	29	55	7
Pasture and range.....	2	5	28	53	12
Peaches.....	0	0	11	65	24
Rye .....	1	5	41	48	5
Tobacco.....	0	1	32	53	14
Winter Wheat.....	0	4	32	52	12

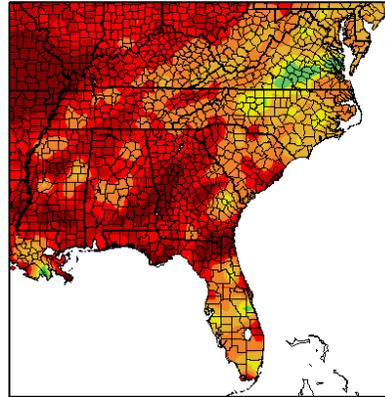
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/08/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	3	5
Short.....	30	23	22
Adequate.....	58	61	62
Surplus.....	9	13	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	2	7
Short.....	20	18	21
Adequate.....	71	73	63
Surplus.....	6	7	9

Temperature (F)  
5/2/2016 – 5/8/2016



Precipitation (in)  
5/2/2016 – 5/8/2016



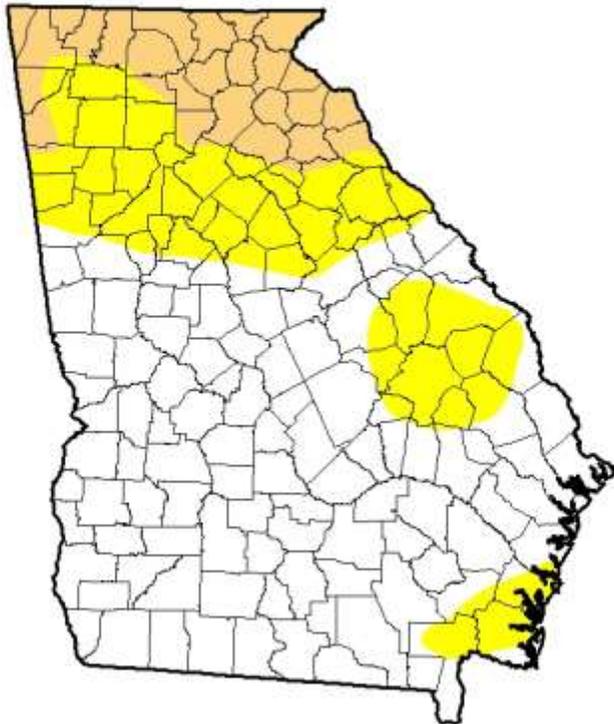
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



May 3, 2016

(Released Thursday, May 5, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.92	37.08	12.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 4/26/2016	74.21	25.79	7.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/2/2016	86.27	13.73	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 5/5/2015	74.17	25.83	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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