



**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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

County Comments

We have received some rain this week. We were getting dry. Livestock are in good condition. Early crops look pretty good.

Greg Bowman, Gordon County

Dryland planting stopped due to limited soil moisture. Only irrigated land being planted. Some crops being irrigated due to lack of rain. Haying continues. Small grains almost ready for harvesting.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

First peaches picked.

Susan James, Meriwether County

Many growers are trying to finish up onion harvest. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans are still being planted. We are starting to run short on moisture to get some of our dryland fields planted, and are in serious need of a rain so that planting can continue.

Chris Tyson, Tattnall County

Dry conditions have set in. Cotton and peanut planting is progressing. Majority of the corn ranges from the V6 to V10 stage of development. A few acres of soybeans are being planted. Rain is expected at the end of the week.

Jeremy Kichler, Colquitt County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	39	31	40	32
Corn - Emerged.....	94	90	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	40	24	37	39
Hay - 1st Cutting	66	52	72	53
Oats - Harvested.....	17	5	7	18
Onions - Harvested	87	75	65	65
Peanuts - Planted.....	49	29	44	41
Rye - Harvested	14	5	6	15
Sorghum - Planted.....	23	15	39	30
Soybeans - Planted.....	22	13	25	17
Soybeans - Emerged.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Harvested	6	4	7	13

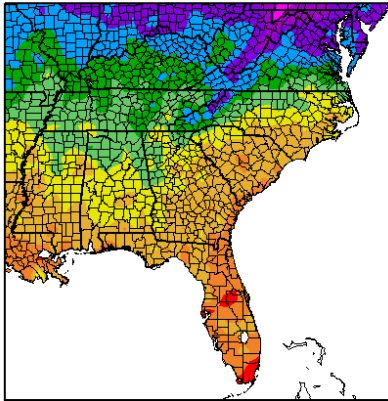
Conditions for Week Ending 05/15/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	1	8	35	46	10
Cattle	1	3	19	63	14
Corn.....	0	3	22	55	20
Oats.....	0	8	28	56	8
Pasture and range.....	2	7	32	50	9
Peaches.....	0	0	11	65	24
Rye.....	1	4	43	47	5
Tobacco.....	0	1	32	53	14
Winter Wheat.....	0	5	33	52	10

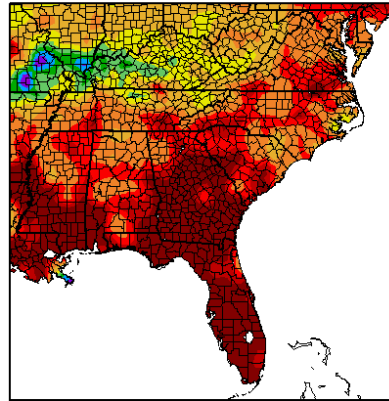
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/15/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	3	10
Short.....	50	30	27
Adequate.....	33	58	53
Surplus.....	6	9	10
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	3	9
Short.....	37	20	26
Adequate.....	52	71	57
Surplus.....	3	6	8

Temperature (F)
5/9/2016 - 5/15/2016



Precipitation (in)
5/9/2016 - 5/15/2016



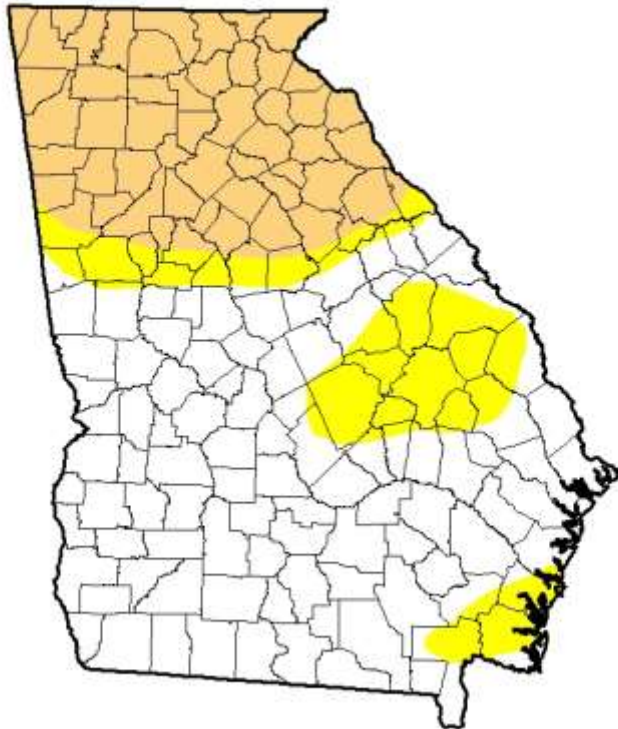
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



May 10, 2016

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.12	41.88	26.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 5/2/2016	62.92	37.08	12.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 2/9/2016	98.71	1.29	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 9/28/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 5/12/2015	67.29	32.71	0.00	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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