



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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.7 inches of rain up to 8.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

County Comments

Severe storms on Monday and Wednesday were followed by a cold front that dropped temperatures back to the 30s and 40s. Apple trees were in bloom, but some reported poor or no blooming on other fruit trees.

Heather Kolich, Forsyth County

Rains have pastures looking better. Several producers are gearing up to bale cool season grasses.

Rocky Tanner, Johnson County

Rough weather in central Georgia gave us some much needed rain, but the wind burned and whipped young vegetable crops. Watermelons fared better than expected.

Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County

Two tornadoes touched down in Webster and Stewart Counties last week. The smaller one on Monday did minimal structural damage. The EF-2 tornado on Wednesday did much more damage. It destroyed two commercial poultry houses, numerous irrigation pivots, and a storage warehouse at the local farm supply. Huge rainfall totals will keep farmers out of the fields for several days.

Laura Griffeth, Stewart County

The storm systems kept farmers out of fields which delayed land preparation and planting. High winds damaged some corn fields by sand blasting.

Ty Torrance, Decatur County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/09/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	99	89	96	NA
Corn - Planted.....	67	49	68	65
Corn - Emerged.....	49	31	38	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	1
Peaches - Blooming.....	95	87	99	91
Tobacco - Transplanted.	21	8	26	24
Winter wheat - Headed...	53	30	35	NA

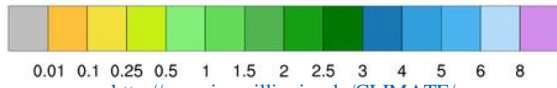
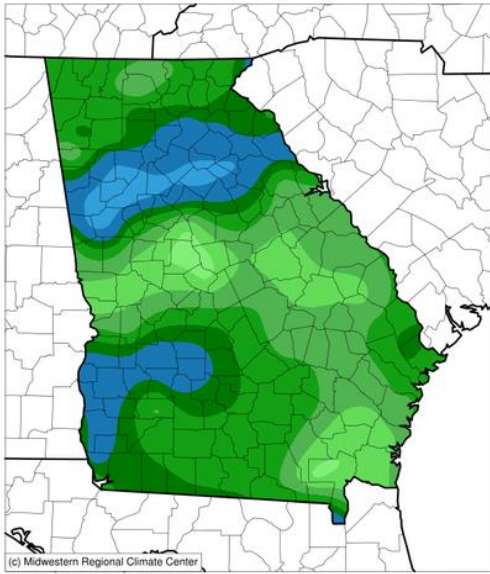
Conditions for Week Ending 04/09/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	54	19	8	16	3
Cattle.....	1	6	37	50	6
Oats.....	3	13	42	36	6
Onions.....	0	1	19	56	24
Pasture and range.....	7	19	38	33	3
Peaches.....	3	21	73	3	0
Rye.....	5	10	47	35	3
Winter wheat.....	3	16	40	37	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/09/17

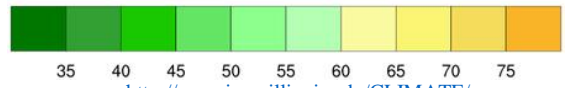
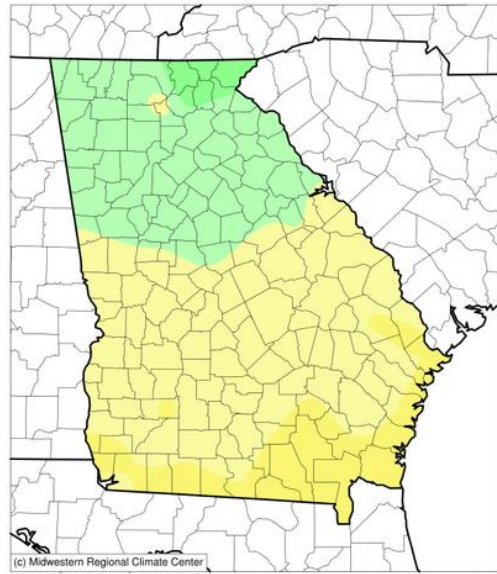
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	16	4
Short.....	24	45	15
Adequate.....	57	37	59
Surplus.....	11	2	22
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	13	5
Short.....	34	39	13
Adequate.....	55	47	67
Surplus.....	5	1	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



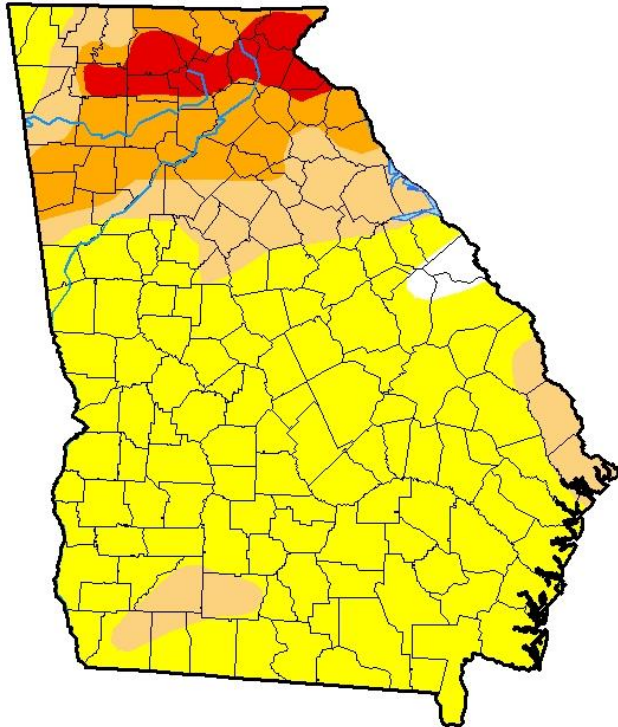
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 03, 2017 to April 09, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



April 4, 2017

(Released Thursday, Apr. 6, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.09	98.91	29.94	15.05	4.16	0.00
Last Week 03-28-2017	1.09	98.91	26.80	17.22	4.59	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-03-2017	11.31	88.69	73.48	39.33	19.28	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	11.31	88.69	73.48	39.33	19.28	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
One Year Ago 04-05-2016	81.27	18.73	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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