



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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 16, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Corn and soybean producers were starting to plant with soil temperatures in the mid 60s and rising. Dry weather during the past week was great for fieldwork conditions.

Paul Pugliese, Bartow County

We need rain! The topsoil is dry again, and we are behind where we should be for the year. Lots of ryegrass has been laid down in this great curing weather that we have been experiencing.

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County

Good weather to finish up corn planting. Small grains pollinating and progressing to maturity. Soil preparation for peanuts and cotton planting continues. Pastures and hayfields being fertilized and sprayed for weeds. Topsoil moisture going away. Need rain again.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

The excessive precipitation from two weeks ago is all but a memory now and most fields look pretty dry on the surface, but still have moisture two inches down. Small grains got rain right when they needed it and look much better than they did this time two weeks ago. Our earliest corn was side-dressed this week and is in v4 stage across most of the county. Some cotton and peanuts were planted this week, but no significant acreage. Weather is perfect for planting. However, we have lost surface moisture, so dryland plantings will have to wait on a rain.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	82	67	80	80
Corn - Emerged.....	67	49	66	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	2	0	0	2
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Sorghum - Planted.....	1	NA	2	9
Tobacco - Transplanted..	47	21	46	46
Winter wheat - Headed...	74	53	64	NA

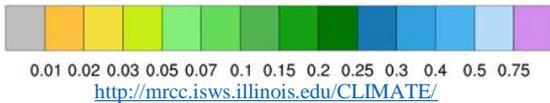
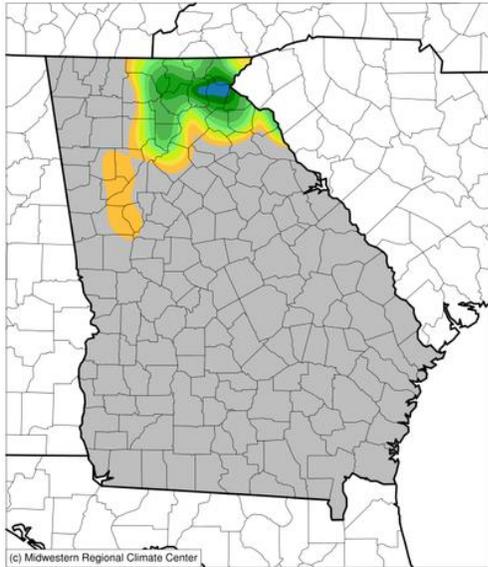
Conditions for Week Ending 04/16/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	53	21	10	15	1
Cattle.....	1	6	36	51	6
Corn.....	0	1	18	62	19
Oats.....	3	13	42	35	7
Onions.....	0	1	18	57	24
Pasture and range.....	6	19	39	32	4
Peaches.....	2	15	79	4	0
Rye.....	5	10	46	35	4
Winter wheat.....	3	15	44	35	3

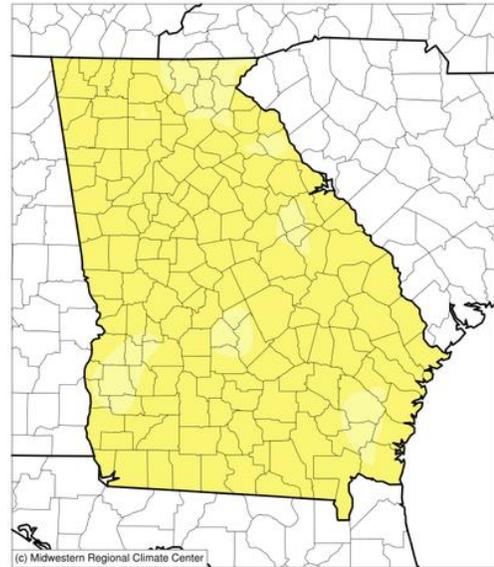
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/16/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	9	8	2
Short.....	47	24	10
Adequate.....	41	57	58
Surplus.....	3	11	30
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	6	4
Short.....	41	34	11
Adequate.....	49	55	64
Surplus.....	3	5	21

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017

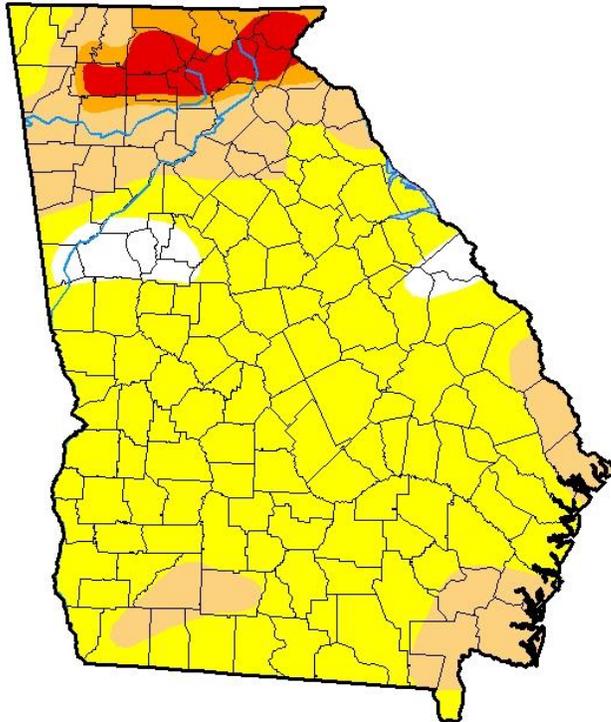


Average Temperature (°F)
April 10, 2017 to April 16, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 11, 2017
(Released Thursday, Apr. 13, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.84	96.16	25.45	6.61	3.68	0.00
Last Week 04-04-2017	1.09	98.91	29.94	15.05	4.16	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-10-2017	11.44	88.56	48.34	34.43	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 04-12-2016	78.63	21.37	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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