



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 23, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 5.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Pastures were slow to recover from the cool spell in March, but are starting to fill out nicely now.

Gary R. Peiffer, DeKalb County

In most cases, we had to stop field preparation early in the week due to dry conditions. Irrigation is already being used on peach and pecan orchards. Peaches are suffering from lack of chill hours. Many varieties have not bloomed, and others that have bloomed are having trouble with leaf emergence.

Jeff Cook, Peach County

Soil has continued to be very dry. Pastures are very short and most all livestock producers are still feeding hay. Irrigated row crops are being watered immediately after planting. Non-irrigated row crops are doing poorly. Grain fill on small grains will be light due to the dry weather.

Brent Allen, Washington County

No rain and high temps have Decatur County in a serious drought situation. Many farmers need to start planting cotton and peanuts and are having a hard time working the land. Field corn is wilting before the center pivot gets to the other end of the field, making it impossible to keep up with watering needs. This will greatly impact yield potential. Pastures and hay fields are dry, farmers are feeding hay all over the county. A vegetable grower needed to plow between the rows of his beds and could not get the plow in the ground because the soil has become so dry and compacted.

Ty Torrance, Decatur County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/23/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	12	NA	3	NA
Corn - Planted.....	89	82	87	87
Corn - Emerged.....	80	67	79	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	7	2	2	5
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	20	5	6	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	40	12	34	21
Peanuts - Planted.....	5	NA	3	4
Sorghum - Planted.....	5	1	3	12
Tobacco - Transplanted..	71	47	68	69
Winter wheat - Headed...	86	74	83	NA

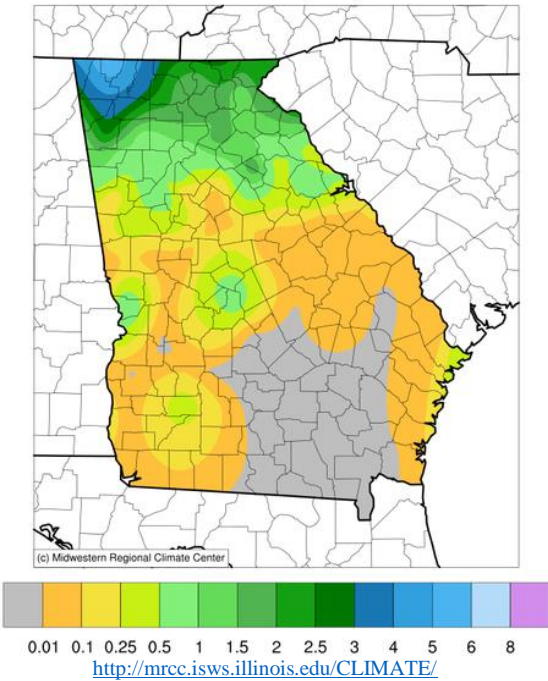
Conditions for Week Ending 04/23/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	54	25	6	14	1
Cattle.....	1	7	36	49	7
Corn.....	1	2	20	60	17
Oats.....	3	14	41	36	6
Onions.....	0	1	18	57	24
Pasture and range.....	6	19	38	33	4
Peaches.....	1	9	72	18	0
Rye.....	5	11	47	34	3
Winter wheat.....	4	17	44	32	3

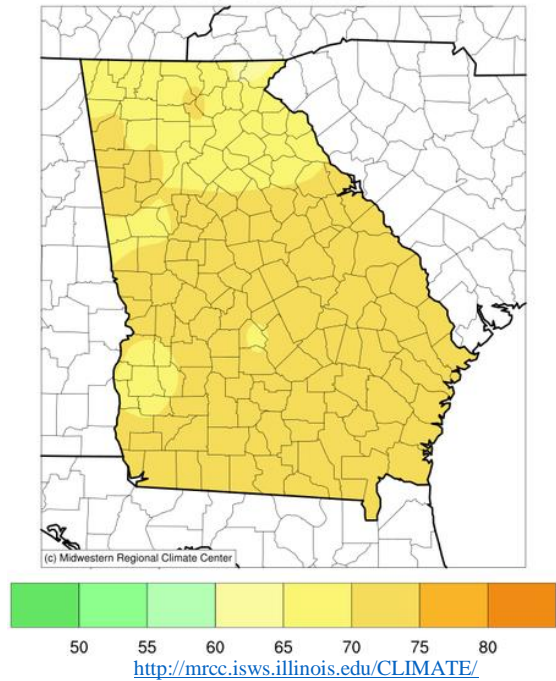
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/23/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	9	4
Short.....	44	47	16
Adequate.....	37	41	58
Surplus.....	2	3	22
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	14	7	5
Short.....	42	41	14
Adequate.....	42	49	63
Surplus.....	2	3	18

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



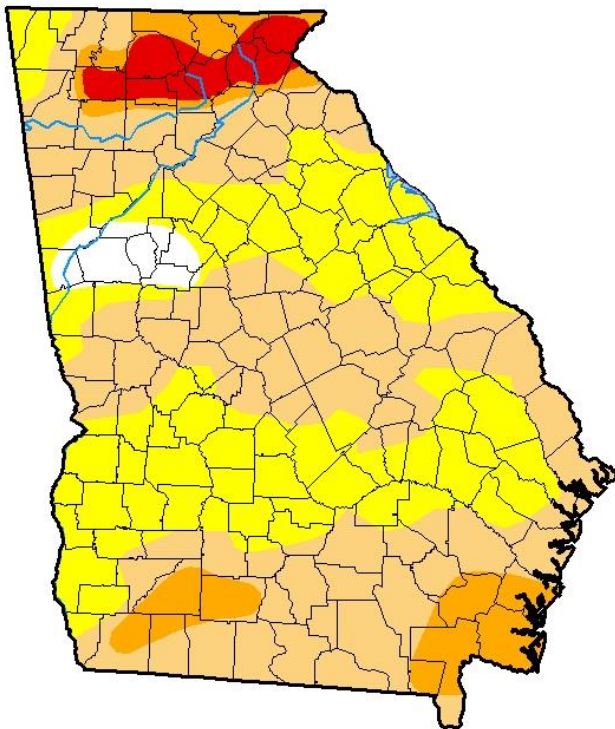
Average Temperature (°F)
April 17, 2017 to April 23, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 18, 2017

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.75	97.25	59.16	12.77	3.68	0.00
Last Week 04-11-2017	3.84	96.16	25.45	6.61	3.68	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-17-2017	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 08-27-2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
One Year Ago 04-19-2016	78.58	21.42	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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