



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 30, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

We received a little rain in the last week. Unfortunately, the much needed rain kept folks from making their first hay cutting or spraying weeds. Ryegrass is doing well, but it is getting overly tall. Bermudagrass and fescue are coming in, but are thin due to high weed presence.

Brenda Jackson, Murray County

Most of the issues in strawberries caused by the mid-March freeze have cleared up; plants are producing a bumper crop of excellent fruit. Some rot problems occurred in strawberries late in the week due to rain and cloudy skies. Most of the later blooming peaches have a good crop, and some even need thinning. Cut ryegrass has been of good to excellent quality. Some farmers are selling it as fast as they cut it due to concerns about another drought this year.

Susan James, Meriwether County

We received a little rain, but soil conditions are still very dry. Livestock producers are still feeding hay as pastures have not grown enough to sustain livestock.

Brent Allen, Washington County

Peanut and cotton planting is in full swing. Irrigated acres are taking priority as many producers are waiting for adequate rainfall to provide moisture for dryland fields. Corn is growing well with the current weather, but it is beginning to show signs of stress from the lack of subsoil moisture. All crops and pastures need rain.
Brock Ward, Miller County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	42	12	22	7
Corn - Planted.....	93	89	93	93
Corn - Emerged.....	87	80	87	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	12	7	9	11
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	35	20	30	15
Oats - Harvested.....	2	NA	0	2
Onions - Harvested.....	58	40	48	31
Peanuts - Planted.....	15	5	12	11
Rye - Harvested.....	7	NA	0	1
Sorghum - Planted.....	10	5	6	17
Soybeans - Planted.....	2	NA	1	2
Tobacco - Transplanted..	90	71	86	88
Winter wheat - Headed...	91	86	92	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	NA	1	1

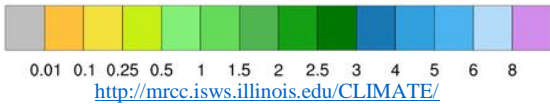
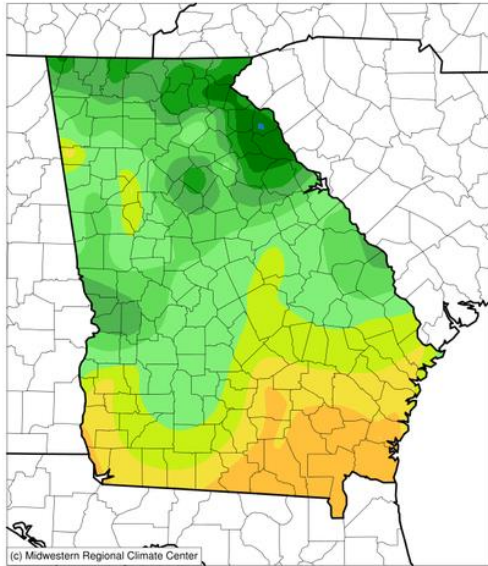
Conditions for Week Ending 04/30/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	52	27	5	16	0
Cattle.....	2	7	34	50	7
Corn.....	1	3	21	60	15
Oats.....	4	13	41	36	6
Onions.....	1	3	16	56	24
Pasture and range.....	7	20	34	34	5
Peaches.....	1	12	77	9	1
Rye.....	5	14	45	33	3
Tobacco.....	0	10	31	50	9
Winter wheat.....	4	17	45	31	3

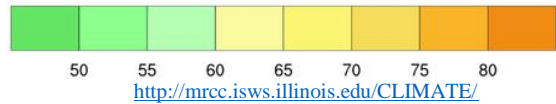
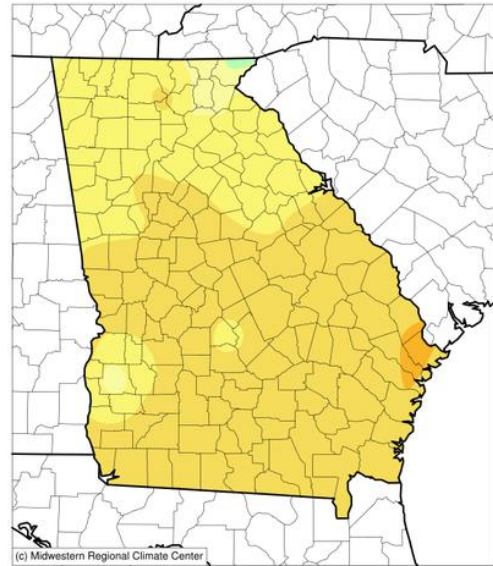
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/30/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	22	17	5
Short.....	39	44	18
Adequate.....	37	37	53
Surplus.....	2	2	24
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	17	14	6
Short.....	40	42	16
Adequate.....	41	42	59
Surplus.....	2	2	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017

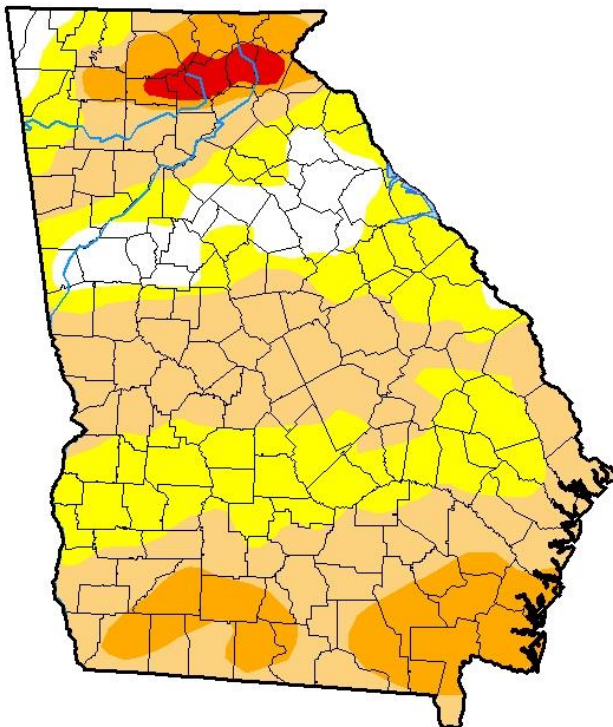


Average Temperature (°F)
April 24, 2017 to April 30, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 25, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.13	90.87	59.47	15.86	1.64	0.00
Last Week 04-18-2017	2.75	97.25	59.16	12.77	3.68	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-24-2017	57.64	42.36	36.22	19.58	3.57	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 04-26-2016	74.21	25.79	7.02	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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