



United States Department of Agriculture
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Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 7, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Cloudy, wet, and overcast conditions made it hard for hay producers to put up dry ryegrass hay. Baleage was not as much of an issue. Soybeans started to go in the ground. Strong winds and rainfall caused lodging problems in wheat and ryegrass.

Adam Speir, Madison County

Talbot County received some rain; however, the county is still in a moderate drought. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding. Pine trees are dying county-wide from the Ips beetles.

Bobby Solomon, Talbot County

Recent rains helped crops and provided enough moisture to keep planting. Rye has blown down a good bit.

Jason E. Mallard, Jenkins County

Cool temperatures slowed cotton seed emergence to a crawl. Hog damage is getting out of control. Some peanut fields had over 5 acres of damage. Corn is hip deep and is looking great. Good yields are expected if rust doesn't set in. I haven't seen any soybeans planted yet.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Watermelon planting finished with most of the crop in very poor to fair condition. Some watermelon fields showing Fusarium wilt and dieback. Some pecan orchards showing signs of Nickel deficiencies.

Joshua Grant, Crisp County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/07/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	51	42	30	20
Corn - Planted.....	96	93	96	98
Corn - Emerged.....	93	87	90	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	22	12	22	20
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	44	35	49	38
Oats - Harvested.....	6	2	4	8
Onions - Harvested.....	71	58	71	50
Peaches - Harvested.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Planted.....	28	15	27	23
Rye - Harvested.....	13	7	4	5
Sorghum - Planted.....	19	10	14	22
Soybeans - Planted.....	11	2	11	9
Tobacco - Transplanted..	98	90	95	97
Winter wheat - Headed...	95	91	95	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested	1	0	4	4

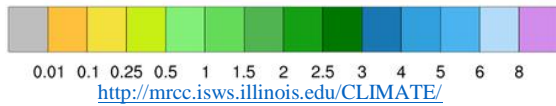
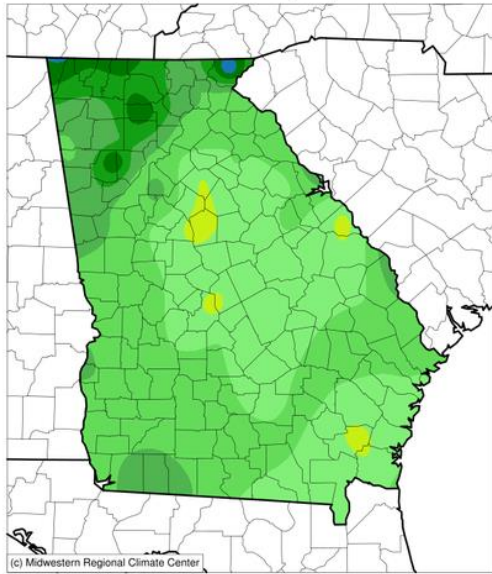
Conditions for Week Ending 05/07/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	51	26	11	12	0
Cattle.....	1	6	33	52	8
Corn.....	0	2	19	63	16
Oats.....	4	13	44	33	6
Pasture and range.....	6	17	36	36	5
Peaches.....	4	13	67	16	0
Rye.....	5	14	46	32	3
Tobacco.....	1	5	31	54	9
Winter wheat.....	5	17	46	29	3

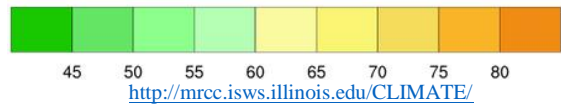
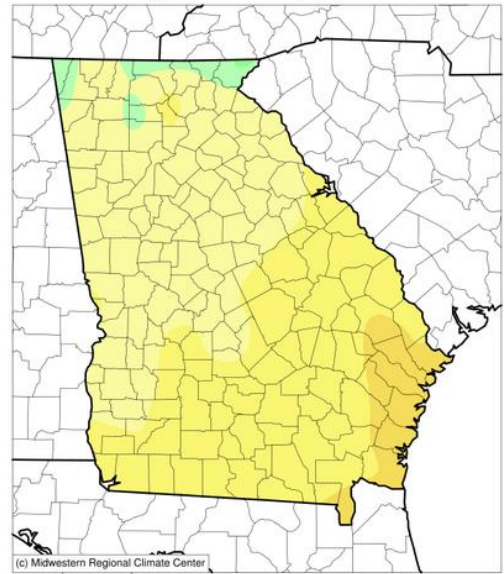
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/07/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	22	3
Short.....	24	39	21
Adequate.....	67	37	64
Surplus.....	4	2	12
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	17	5
Short.....	36	40	17
Adequate.....	54	41	68
Surplus.....	2	2	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 01, 2017 to May 07, 2017

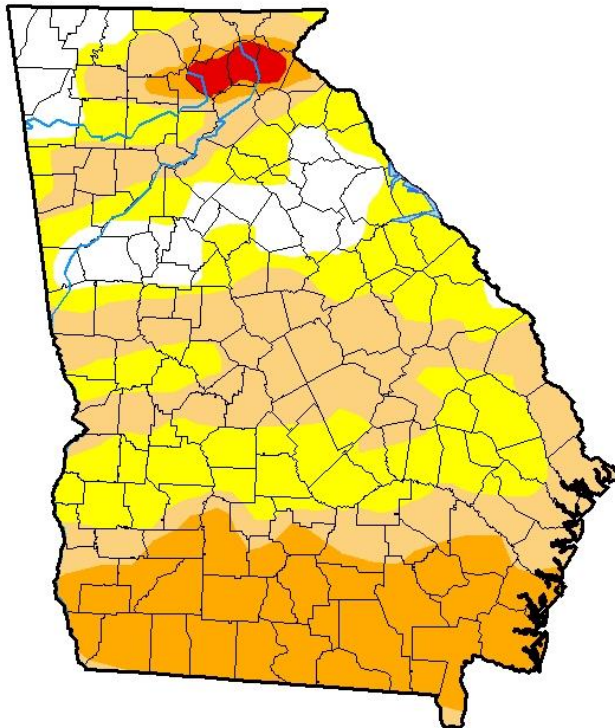


Average Temperature (°F)
May 01, 2017 to May 07, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

May 2, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.43	88.57	56.83	24.06	1.11	0.00
Last Week 04-25-2017	9.13	90.87	59.47	15.86	1.64	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-31-2017	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 05-03-2016	62.92	37.08	12.32	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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