



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 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts to 1.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Due to cooler weather and overcast conditions in recent weeks, winter forages have slowed growth. Although late freezes occurred, none were severe enough to cause any damage in vineyards or orchards.

Nathan Eason, White County

Peaches look better than expected, given March freezes. Strawberry harvest began.

Jeff Cook, Peach County

Small grains look very good, and almost all acres have headed. Fungicides have been applied, and no rust has been found so far. Corn planting is close to being done, and corn that has emerged is doing very well. Cotton and peanut planting should start in about a week or two.

Andrew Warner, Seminole County

Producers have been transplanting watermelon for the last week. They should be able to finish this week.

Will Gay, Turner County

Tattnall County received some much needed rain on Friday. Growers are busy planting corn and watermelon. Onion harvest is nearing for earlier maturing varieties. The onion crop looks promising at this point.

Chris Tyson, Tattnall County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/01/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	82	NA	88	84
Corn - Planted.....	40	NA	47	38
Corn - Emerged.....	21	NA	31	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	94	NA	86	83
Tobacco - Transplanted..	9	NA	7	6
Winter wheat - Headed...	34	NA	30	NA

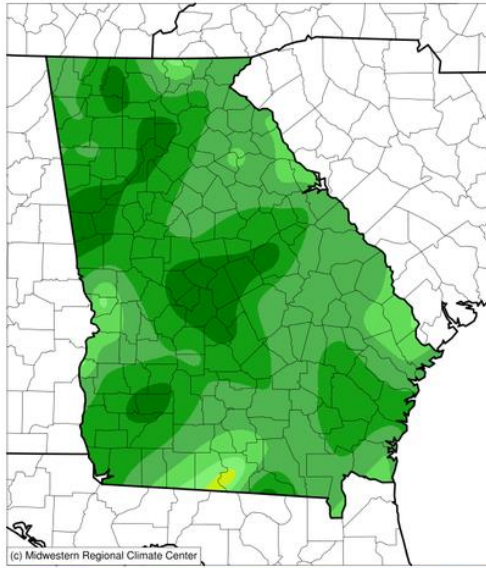
Conditions for Week Ending 04/01/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	12	19	22	40	7
Cattle.....	0	4	26	58	12
Oats.....	0	4	33	52	11
Onions.....	0	0	15	53	32
Pasture and range.....	1	8	32	49	10
Peaches.....	8	18	34	36	4
Rye.....	0	2	30	63	5
Winter wheat.....	0	3	28	60	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/01/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	4
Short.....	24	24	14
Adequate.....	67	64	58
Surplus.....	6	8	24
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	4	4
Short.....	23	28	12
Adequate.....	72	64	69
Surplus.....	3	4	15

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



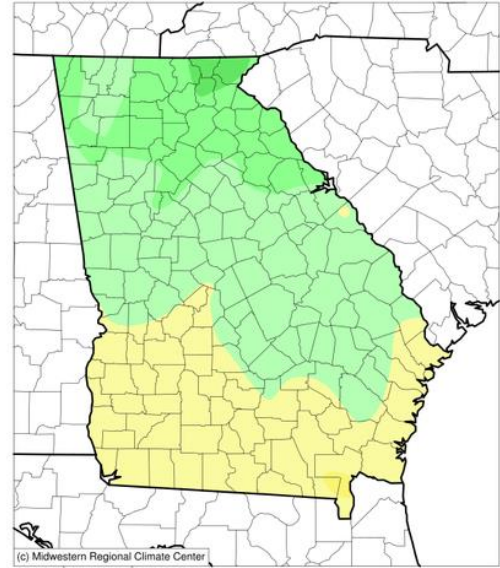
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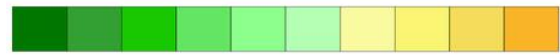
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Average Temperature (°F)
March 26, 2018 to April 01, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

March 27, 2018

(Released Thursday, Mar. 29, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.15	68.85	50.54	10.42	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-20-2018	33.92	66.08	49.86	10.42	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-26-2017	30.67	69.33	39.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	12.14	87.86	40.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-28-2017	1.09	98.91	26.80	17.22	4.59	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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