



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 8, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 1.9 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

Floyd County needs a few dry days. Corn planting is being delayed.

Keith Mickler, Floyd County

Cool temperatures are again slowing pasture green-up.

Brian Maddy, Troup County

Grass is growing slowly. Wheat and other small grains are progressing pretty well. Corn planting is well underway, but a few light showers have been just enough to keep producers from finishing.

Brent Allen, Washington County

Rust was found in wheat and oats. Corn planting is finishing up very quickly. Cotton and peanut planting began. Thrips pressure seems high on the southern pea crop right now, and we are waiting see how it will affect early-planted cotton and peanuts.

Andrew Warner, Seminole County

Corn growth is slowing from cool weather. Powdery mildew is persisting in wheat; some fungicide sprays were applied. Oats have some rust appearing, and there is barley yellow dwarf in some fields. Seed corn maggots are killing young watermelon transplants, so farmers are gearing up to spray them. Burn down of cover crops is in full swing.

Ronnie Barentine, Dooly County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/08/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	92	82	98	91
Corn - Planted.....	63	40	64	58
Corn - Emerged.....	39	21	46	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	99	94	94	90
Tobacco - Transplanted.	25	9	19	17
Winter wheat - Headed...	58	34	50	NA

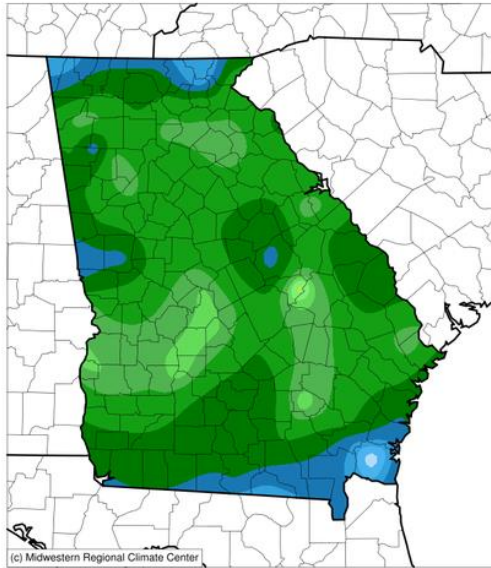
Conditions for Week Ending 04/08/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	13	20	20	40	7
Cattle.....	0	4	24	60	12
Oats.....	0	4	35	54	7
Onions.....	0	0	13	53	34
Pasture and range.....	1	7	34	49	9
Peaches.....	8	17	23	48	4
Rye.....	0	2	29	63	6
Winter wheat.....	0	2	26	62	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/08/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	3	3	2
Short.....	16	24	10
Adequate.....	76	67	64
Surplus.....	5	6	24
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	2
Short.....	22	23	11
Adequate.....	74	72	71
Surplus.....	2	3	16

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 02, 2018 to April 08, 2018



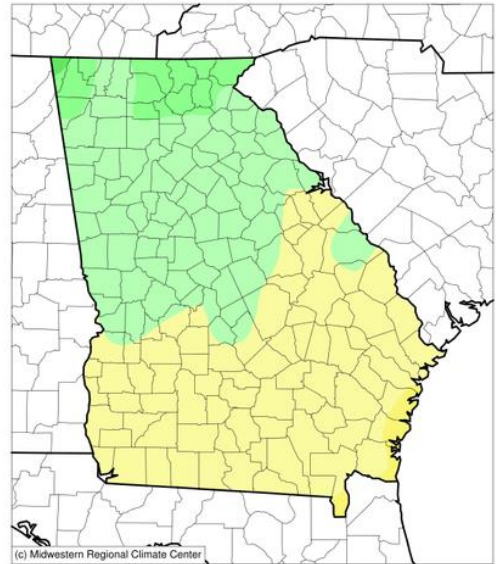
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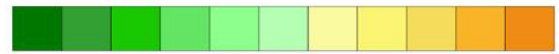
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 02, 2018 to April 08, 2018



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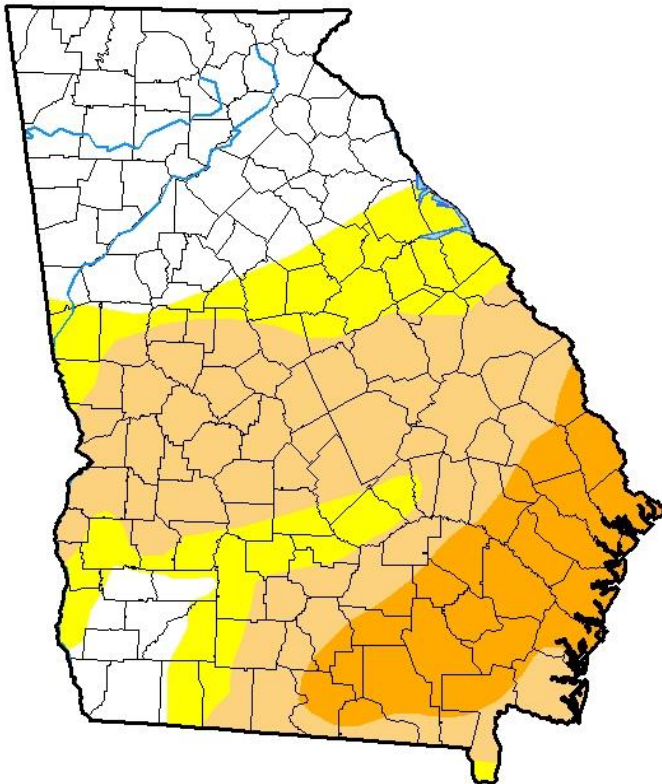


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 3, 2018
(Released Thursday, Apr. 5, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.27	68.73	51.19	16.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-27-2018	31.15	68.85	50.54	10.42	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-02-2018	12.14	87.86	40.66	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 04-04-2017	1.09	98.91	29.94	15.05	4.16	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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