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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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 15, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the high 50s.

County Comments

A mostly dry week was beneficial for fieldwork. Continued cool temperatures kept pasture growth slow. Low soil temperatures precluded planting of warm-season annual forages.

Roger Gates, Whitfield County

Heading of small grains showed more freeze damage than originally expected. Oats showed significant barley yellow dwarf virus symptoms. Growers saw very good germination of corn. Pastures were growing and looking better, but they were still on the short side because of the cold weather.

Brent Allen, Washington County

Producers saw a lot of lodging in small grains. Corn was looking great, and most was at the V5-V6 stage of growth. Early planted cotton and peanuts were emerging; planting should really pick up after the cold front passes.

Andrew Warner, Seminole County

Some powdery mildew was found in wheat. Corn and watermelon planting was ending. A few areas of gummy stem blight were found in watermelon. A rain event on Sunday dropped a couple inches of precipitation.

Joshua Grant, Crisp County

Considerable rainfall on Sunday caused flash flooding in low areas and overly saturated fields.

Ashley Hoppers, Liberty County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/15/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	94	92	100	95
Corn - Planted.....	81	63	80	76
Corn - Emerged.....	59	39	64	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	2	1
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	1	NA	4	1
Onions - Harvested.....	3	NA	11	6
Tobacco - Transplanted..	47	25	43	38
Winter wheat - Headed...	77	58	71	NA

Conditions for Week Ending 04/15/18

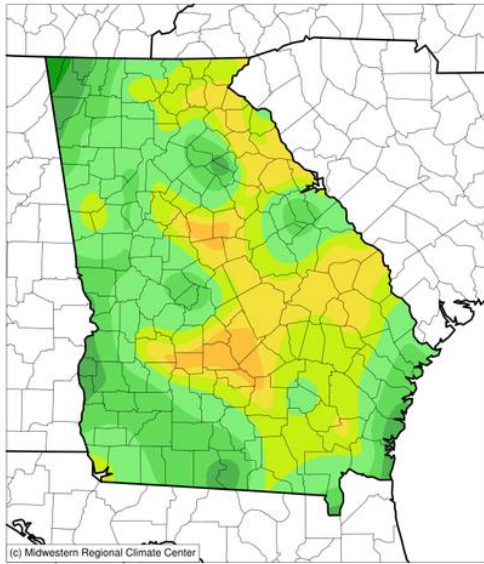
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	14	17	16	45	8
Cattle.....	0	4	23	62	11
Oats.....	0	2	39	52	7
Onions.....	0	0	13	56	31
Pasture and range.....	1	6	34	49	10
Peaches.....	6	15	22	48	9
Rye.....	0	2	28	64	6
Winter wheat.....	0	2	27	61	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/15/18

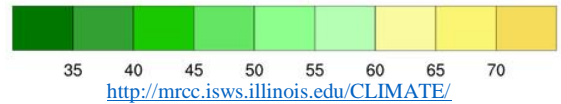
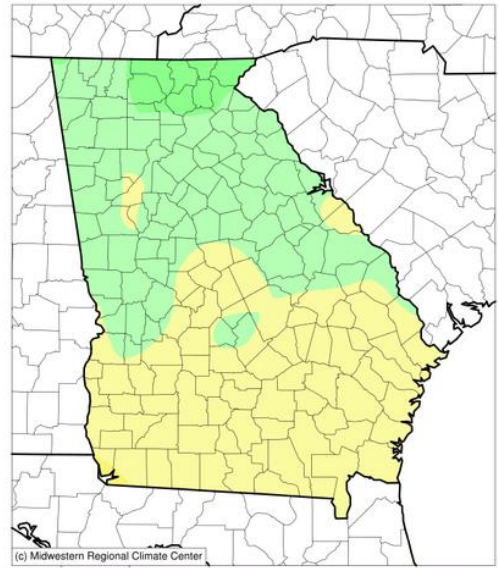
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	3	2
Short.....	17	16	12
Adequate.....	72	76	56
Surplus.....	9	5	30

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	2
Short.....	21	22	12
Adequate.....	75	74	65
Surplus.....	2	2	21

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018



Average Temperature (°F)
April 09, 2018 to April 15, 2018

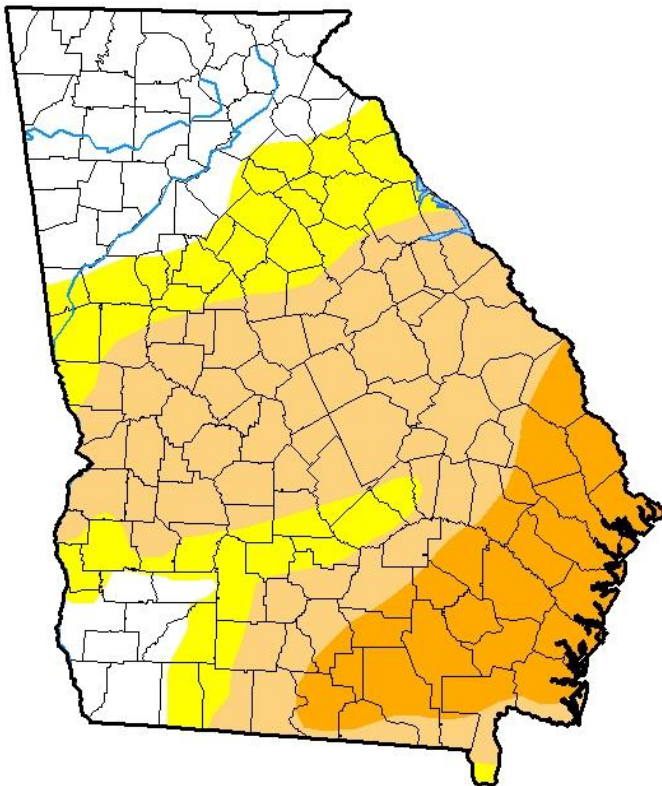


U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 10, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.69	76.31	56.92	17.72	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-03-2018	31.27	68.73	51.19	16.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-09-2018	1.98	98.02	36.04	6.70	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 04-11-2017	3.84	96.16	25.45	6.61	3.68	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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