General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 6, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 0.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

County Comments
Murray County received some rain this week. Early hay cutting began. Corn remained unplanted because fields were still too wet to enter in most areas.

Brenda Jackson, Murray County

Due to dry conditions, planting stopped in dryland fields. Non-irrigated corn suffered from dry weather, and fertilization of hay was delayed. The peach harvest will begin slowly this coming week.

Jeff Cook, Peach County

Some peanut acres were planted and a few cotton acres as well. With the warmer weather, next week should fully kick off the planting season. All of the tobacco is in the ground and is looking pretty good so far. Livestock looks good. Pastures and hayfields also look good. The first cutting of hay should be in the next week or so. Tattnall County is doing alright on rain, but a shower would help with planting next week.

Chris Earls, Treutlen County

Topsoil moisture is short. We need some rain badly to help plant our row crops. The dry weather has been great for onion harvest, though.

Chris Tyson, Tattnall County

Conditions turned hot and dry. Grady County has a significant amount on dryland corn that is in desperate need of rain. Non-irrigated cotton and peanut planting will stop soon as a result of inadequate soil moisture. The dry weather has significantly impacted pasture and hayfield conditions too.

Ty Torrance, Grady County
U.S. Drought Monitor
Georgia

May 1, 2018
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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Intensity:
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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