



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 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. Treutlen 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

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/06/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	34	23	50	23
Corn - Planted.....	95	93	96	95
Corn - Emerged.....	90	84	92	95
Cotton - Planted.....	20	10	21	16
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	37	16	43	35
Oats - Harvested.....	3	0	5	4
Onions - Harvested.....	51	32	69	49
Peaches - Harvested.....	1	NA	2	0
Peanuts - Planted.....	24	9	26	19
Rye - Harvested.....	3	1	12	5
Soybeans - Planted.....	11	4	10	8
Tobacco - Transplanted..	98	93	97	95
Winter wheat - Headed...	98	94	94	96
Winter wheat - Harvested	5	1	1	3

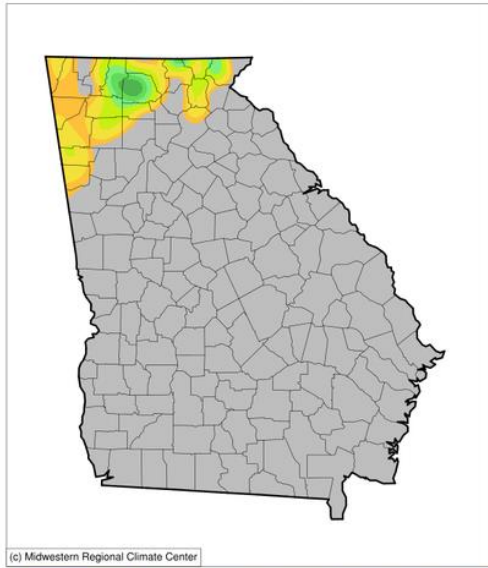
Conditions for Week Ending 05/06/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries.....	7	24	37	28	4
Cattle.....	0	3	22	62	13
Corn.....	0	4	26	61	9
Oats.....	1	5	38	47	9
Onions.....	0	1	24	52	23
Pasture and range.....	1	6	33	51	9
Peaches.....	0	8	31	58	3
Rye.....	0	3	35	56	6
Tobacco.....	0	5	36	52	7
Winter wheat.....	1	3	30	56	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/06/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	2	2
Short.....	44	12	18
Adequate.....	47	75	68
Surplus.....	1	11	12
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	2	3
Short.....	32	18	16
Adequate.....	61	73	71
Surplus.....	2	7	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 30, 2018 to May 06, 2018



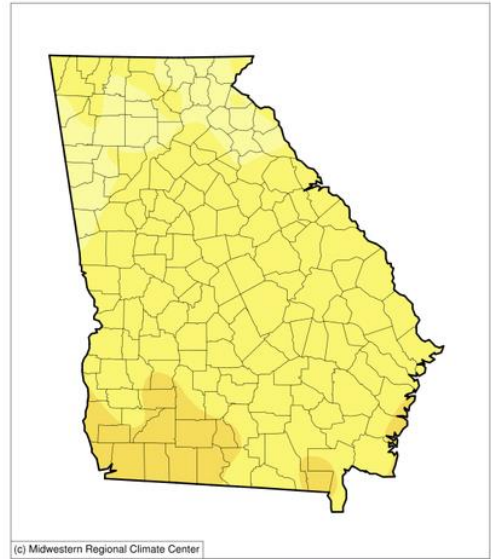
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 30, 2018 to May 06, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

May 1, 2018

(Released Thursday, May 3, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.46	57.54	28.48	5.30	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-24-2018	41.87	58.13	32.73	8.66	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-30-2018	1.54	98.46	50.48	22.51	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 05-02-2017	11.43	88.57	56.83	24.06	1.11	0.00

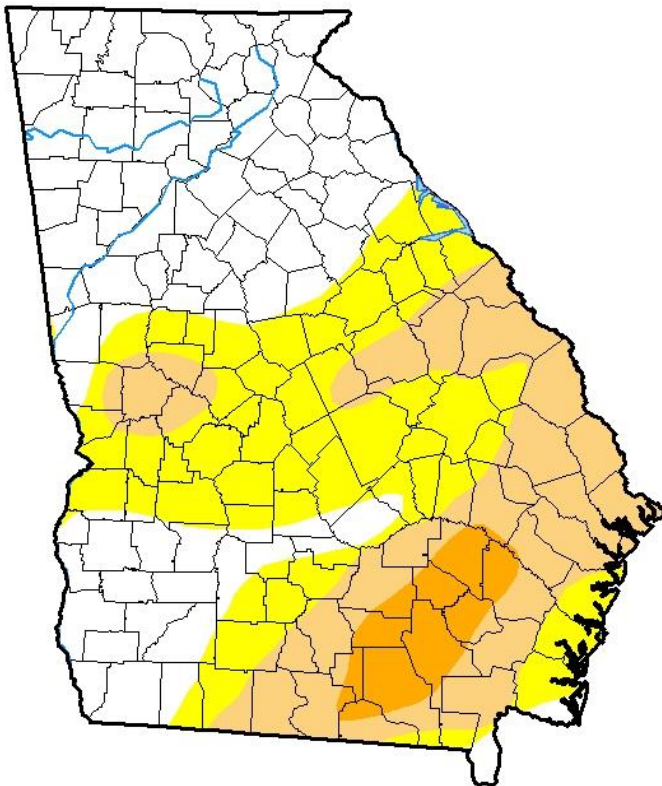
Intensity:

- 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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