



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 13, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

The recent warming trend caused fescue to seed out quickly before putting on much growth. The first hay cutting will be of lower quality and quantity due to the poor weather conditions this spring.

Steven Patrick, Habersham County

Dry weather put a lot of planting on hold, except for some irrigated fields. Tobacco looks okay, despite no rain. Most of the onions are out of the fields, and they should be finished in the next week or so. Pastures are looking okay, but grazing and lack of rain are starting to take their toll.

Chris Earls, Treutlen County

We went from cool and wet to hot and dry very quickly. Planters have been going nonstop in irrigated fields, but dryland farmers are having to wait on a rain because the soil is hard and dry. Many producers in our area are going to have to replant cotton. Cool soils hindered good plant populations at germination for many fields. Other fields had adequate moisture for germination and then lost moisture as the seed sprouted, so the plants died. It has been a crazy spring, but this is perfect dry-down weather for winter grains. We should see harvest begin next week in many fields.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Very dry. We need rain badly. Many are waiting on moisture to plant cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Onion harvest is progressing rapidly.

Chris Tyson, Tattnall County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/13/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	42	34	67	37
Corn - Emerged.....	94	90	96	NA
Cotton - Planted.....	41	20	36	31
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	50	37	53	50
Oats - Harvested.....	5	3	11	10
Onions - Harvested.....	71	51	86	68
Peaches - Harvested.....	3	1	4	3
Peanuts - Planted.....	49	24	45	37
Rye - Harvested.....	13	3	25	11
Soybeans - Planted.....	20	11	20	16
Soybeans - Emerged.....	4	NA	4	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested	9	5	5	6

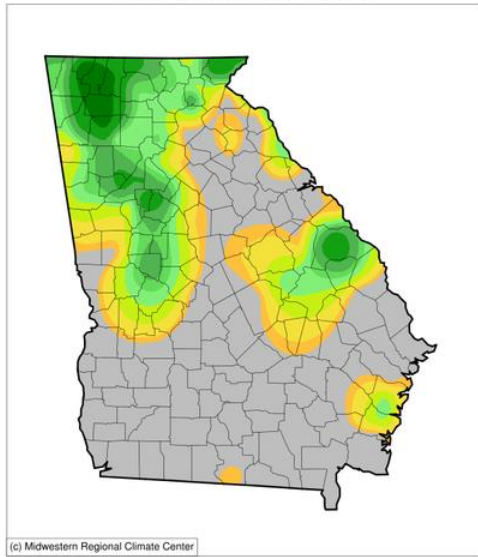
Conditions for Week Ending 05/13/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	10	25	38	25	2
Cattle.....	0	3	23	63	11
Corn.....	0	4	29	58	9
Oats.....	1	8	32	49	10
Pasture and range.....	1	8	36	46	9
Peaches.....	4	10	28	49	9
Rye.....	0	3	36	56	5
Tobacco.....	0	3	29	60	8
Winter wheat.....	0	3	29	59	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/13/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	27	8	5
Short.....	49	44	31
Adequate.....	23	47	53
Surplus.....	1	1	11
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	5	5
Short.....	50	32	23
Adequate.....	41	61	63
Surplus.....	NA	2	9

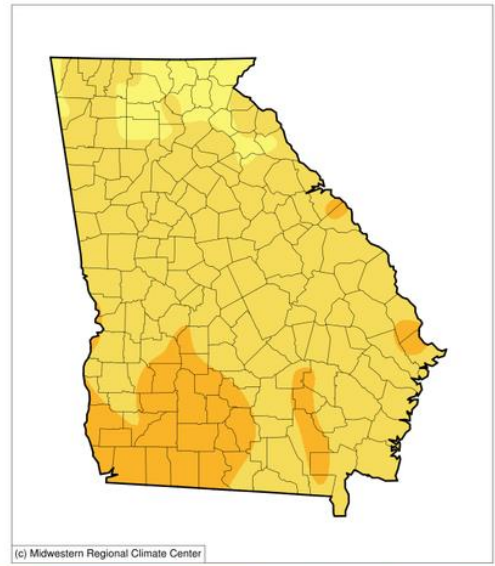
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018



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Average Temperature (°F)
May 07, 2018 to May 13, 2018

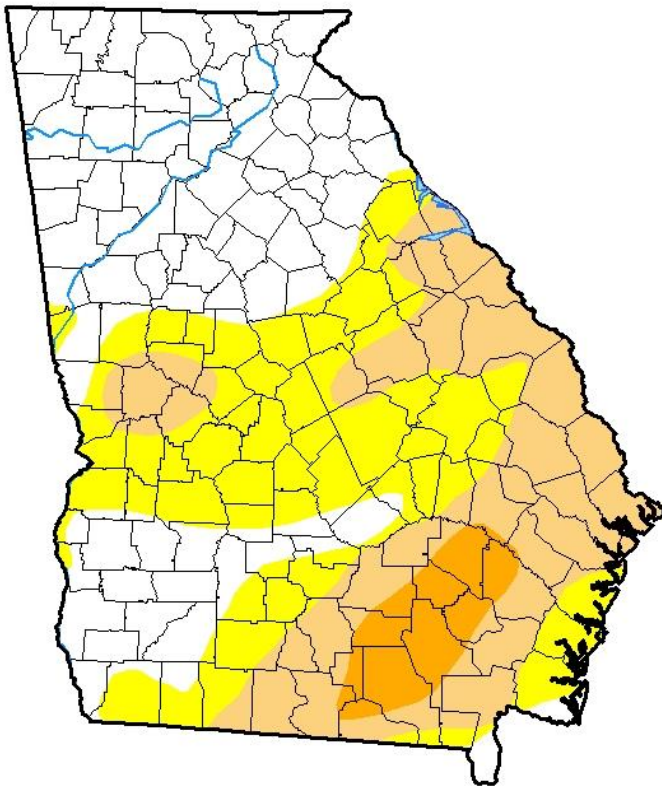


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.50	59.50	30.19	5.30	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-01-2018	42.46	57.54	28.48	5.30	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-06-2018	7.47	92.53	46.63	11.53	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 05-09-2017	11.87	88.13	54.20	23.47	6.24	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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