



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 3.78 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

We received a small amount of rain this week, but not really enough to speak of. A good amount of corn has gone in the ground and some has emerged, but the abnormally cool weather has some growers hesitant. A lot of harrowing, plowing, and subsoiling is going on as growers prepare fields for peanuts and cotton.

Cole Moon, Bleckley County

Wheat looks pretty good. Some corn has been planted. Cattle are doing well.

Rocky Tanner, Johnson County

Corn planting continued across the county. Small grains are looking good. Cattle producers are feeding hay due to poor grazing conditions. Frosts in March have set back grass in hayfields and pastures. Row crop fields were being sprayed with burn down herbicides. Light rainfall occurred during the week. Soil is beginning to dry out and more rain is needed.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

Corn planters have been wide open this week. Ironically, after months of rain, we had a week and a half of sunshine and the surfaces of many fields were so hard, we had to irrigate just to harrow or plow them. We received a nice rain, and once it dried out, our planters got back in the fields. Corn is looking good, but we are slightly behind schedule for this time of March. Burn down on cotton is going on now and we should resume field preparations next week.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming...	83	NA	81	79
Corn - Planted.....	48	NA	38	37
Corn - Emerged.....	24	NA	20	22
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	58	NA	93	83
Tobacco - Transplanted..	13	NA	9	4
Winter wheat - Headed...	28	NA	32	21

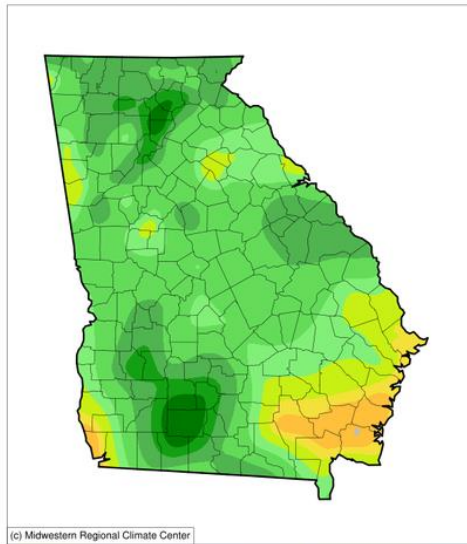
Conditions for Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	0	2	8	88	2
Cattle.....	1	5	27	55	12
Oats.....	1	4	37	56	2
Onions.....	0	0	22	75	3
Pasture and range.....	2	12	30	50	6
Peaches.....	4	5	18	37	36
Rye.....	0	7	44	45	4
Winter wheat.....	1	5	34	56	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/31/19

Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4
Short.....	24	22
Adequate.....	65	60
Surplus.....	8	14
Subsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2
Short.....	14	12
Adequate.....	77	69
Surplus.....	8	17

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019



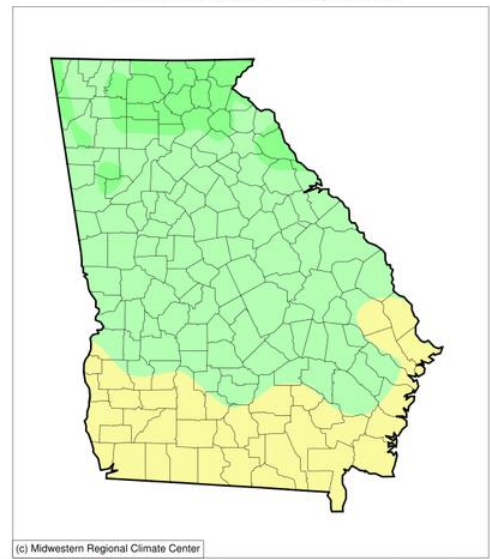
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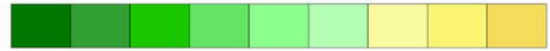
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Average Temperature (°F)
March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019



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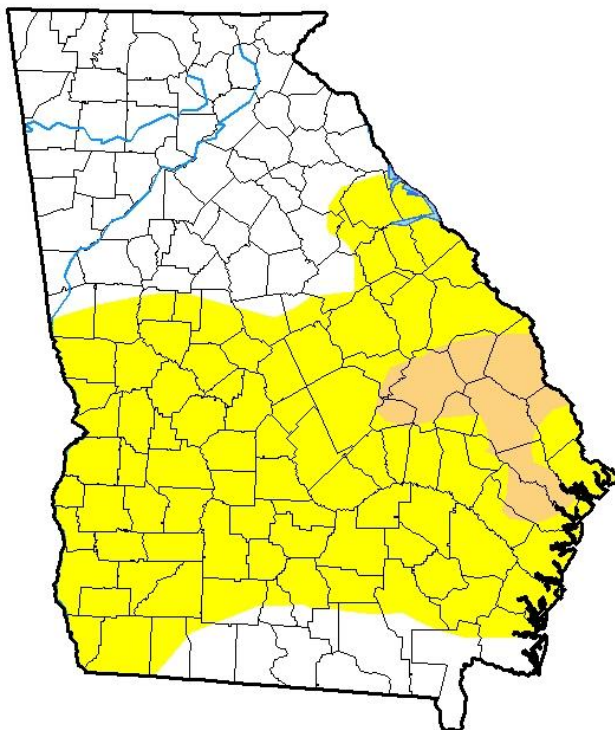
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

March 26, 2019

(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2019)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.33	60.67	6.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-19-2019	66.71	33.29	1.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-25-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	70.95	29.05	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-27-2018	31.15	68.85	50.54	10.42	0.00	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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