



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 100 · Athens, GA 30601 · (706) 713-5400
www.nass.usda.gov

This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

April 6, 2020

Media Contact: Anthony Prillaman

General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 6, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 1.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Corn planting was well underway throughout most of the state. Several fields already had corn emerged. Producers were preparing fields for cotton and peanut planting where conditions were dry enough. Some growers in the northern parts of the state were still behind due to the wet grounds. There were multiple reports of hay crops that never had fertilizer or lime applications due to the wet weather throughout late winter and early spring, especially in the northern part of the state. With the recent drier weather however, some growers were able to get late fertilizer, herbicide, and lime applications on to their hay. Growers in the central and southern parts of the state reported some wheat crops at the flowering and stem elongation phases. Some growers were able to apply fungicides to their small grains crops, and concerns were expressed that the cool, wet conditions may add disease pressures to wheat and oats. Vegetable and fruit growers continued struggling to sell their crops due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock and pastures were generally in good condition throughout the state. Some flies were already spotted on cattle. Pastures across much of the state were greening up nicely as perennial warm season grasses were returning from dormancy.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/05/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.	92	NA	76	85
Corn - Planted.....	62	NA	48	52
Corn - Emerged.....	37	NA	34	34
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming	65	NA	70	80
Tobacco - Transplanted	22	NA	10	13
Winter wheat - Headed	44	NA	50	36

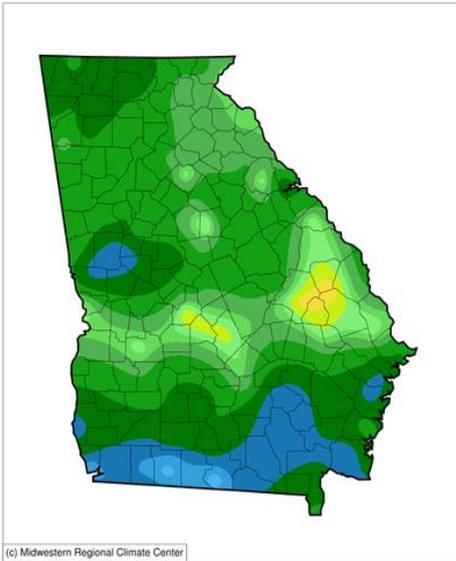
Conditions for Week Ending 04/05/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	0	0	17	76	7
Cattle	2	5	24	62	7
Oats.....	0	3	36	53	8
Onions.....	0	1	36	59	4
Pasture and range...	2	10	32	49	7
Peaches.....	0	1	13	41	45
Winter wheat.....	1	2	25	63	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/05/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	NA	4
Short.....	NA	22
Adequate.....	NA	69
Surplus	NA	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	NA	1
Short.....	NA	9
Adequate.....	NA	82
Surplus	NA	8

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center

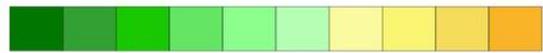


0.01 0.02 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.3 0.5 0.75 1 1.25 1.5 1.75
<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
March 30, 2020 to April 05, 2020



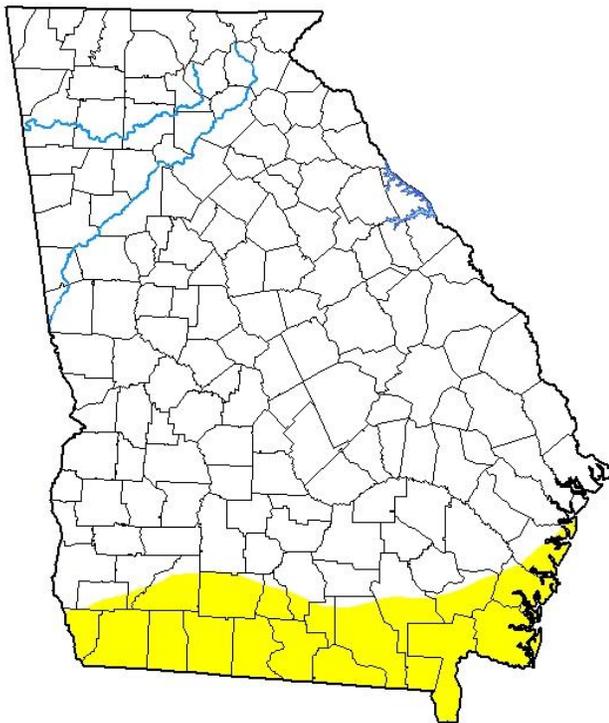
(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

March 31, 2020
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.45	14.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-24-2020	90.39	9.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-31-2019	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
One Year Ago 04-02-2019	20.88	79.12	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

Author:

David Simeral
Western Regional Climate Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu