



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



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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 13, 2020

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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, April 12, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Multiple counties in the northern part of the state experienced thunderstorms, high winds, and tornadic activity at the end of the week. Earlier in the week, corn planting continued throughout much of the state, with multiple reports of good corn growth. Many growers continued preparing fields for row crops to be planted soon. Tobacco transplanting progressed well. Cool season hay crops were cut and excellent quality was reported in the eastern part of the state. Wheat fields in the central part of the state were irrigated due to dry soil conditions. A hard freeze in the northern part of the state damaged multiple fruit crops. Strawberries and peaches were in good condition with little pest pressure thus far in the eastern part of the state.

Livestock and Pasture

Cattle in the northern part of the state received spring vaccinations. There were reports of damaged chicken houses and barn roofs from the storms that passed through at the end of the week. Producers in the central part of the state reported that flies on the cattle were bad for this time of the year. Pasture conditions varied throughout the state depending on rainfall received. Multiple counties in the southern part of the state reported declining pasture quality due to a lack of soil moisture.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/12/20

| Crop stage | Prev year | Prev week | This week | 5 Year avg |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Blueberries - Blooming... | 96 | 76 | 84 | 94 |
| Blueberries - Harvested.. | 11 | NA | 5 | 3 |
| Corn - Planted..... | 77 | 48 | 73 | 73 |
| Corn - Emerged..... | 58 | 34 | 48 | 51 |
| Cotton - Planted..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Peaches - Blooming | 81 | 70 | 85 | 91 |
| Tobacco - Transplanted . | 40 | 10 | 40 | 32 |
| Winter wheat - Headed... | 67 | 50 | 73 | 58 |

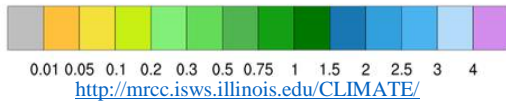
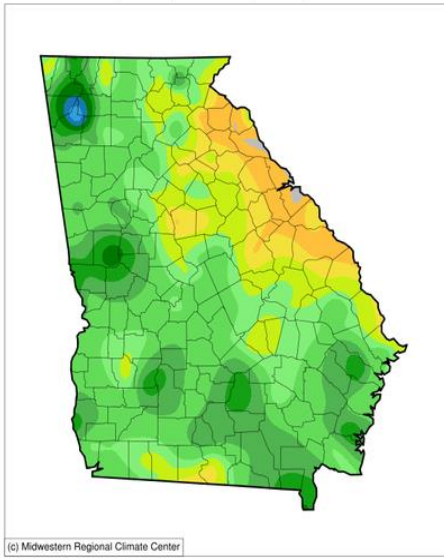
Conditions for Week Ending 04/12/20

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Blueberries..... | 0 | 0 | 13 | 77 | 10 |
| Cattle | 2 | 5 | 23 | 61 | 9 |
| Oats | 0 | 3 | 33 | 58 | 6 |
| Onions | 1 | 2 | 41 | 52 | 4 |
| Pasture and range | 2 | 10 | 32 | 47 | 9 |
| Peaches..... | 0 | 1 | 13 | 42 | 44 |
| Winter wheat | 1 | 3 | 31 | 55 | 10 |

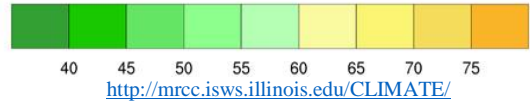
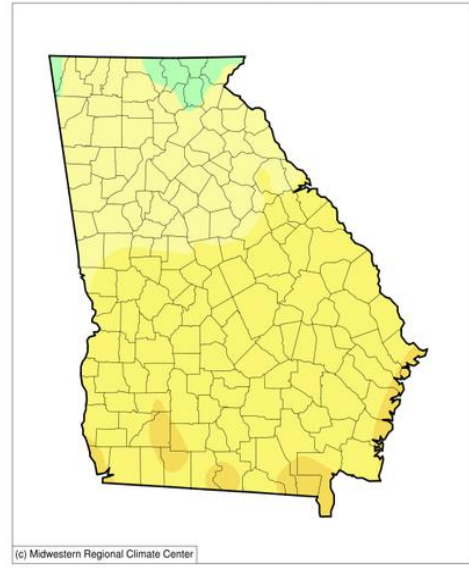
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/12/20

| Topsoil | Previous week | This week |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 2 |
| Short..... | 22 | 17 |
| Adequate..... | 69 | 62 |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 19 |
| Subsoil | Previous week | This week |
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 1 | 1 |
| Short..... | 9 | 10 |
| Adequate..... | 82 | 82 |
| Surplus..... | 8 | 7 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 06, 2020 to April 12, 2020

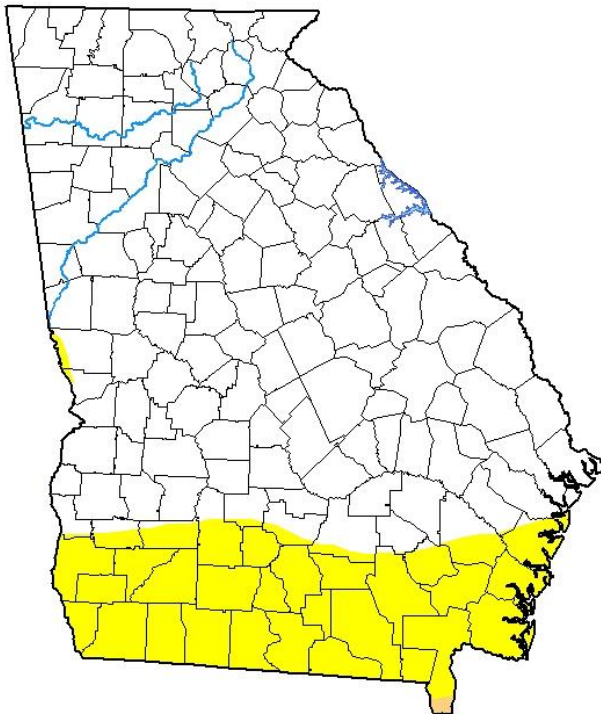


Average Temperature (°F)
April 06, 2020 to April 12, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 7, 2020
(Released Thursday, Apr. 9, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 77.28 | 22.72 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 03-31-2020 | 85.45 | 14.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 01-07-2020 | 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 04-09-2019 | 20.88 | 79.12 | 14.47 | 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>

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