



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 20, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 20, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 7.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Many producers in the northern and central parts of the state were assessing damage from the tornadoes and storms that passed through late last week and again early this week. Rains saturated fields slowing some field preparation work and tobacco transplanting. Corn planting was nearing completion and many producers in the southern part of the state continued preparing fields for cotton, peanuts, soybeans, and sorghum planting. Some growers were unable to apply herbicides or burndown to the cotton and peanuts, due to windy conditions. Hayfields were fertilized and cut, and bales were put up in multiple parts of the state. Some small grains were laid over in the central part of the state due to high winds, but most still appeared to be in good condition. Watermelon transplanting and resetting was finished in some southern counties. Some producers were able to spread additional fertilizer to their watermelons. COVID-19 continued impacting fruit and vegetable growers by reducing attendance at u-pick operations.

Livestock and Pastures

Some producers in the northern part of the state reported cattle deaths due to the tornadoes. There were reports of damaged chicken houses, fences, barns, and other farm structures throughout the state. Fluctuating temperatures slowed down warm season perennial grasses after winter dormancy. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	19	5	18	7
Corn - Planted.....	87	73	86	84
Corn - Emerged.....	75	48	73	69
Cotton - Planted.....	5	1	5	3
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	6	NA	9	5
Onions - Harvested.....	22	NA	21	17
Peaches - Blooming.....	89	85	95	97
Peanuts - Planted.....	1	NA	1	1
Tobacco - Transplanted..	62	40	65	55
Winter wheat - Headed...	81	73	85	75

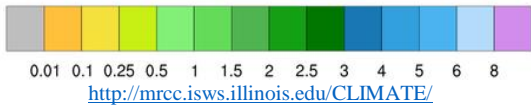
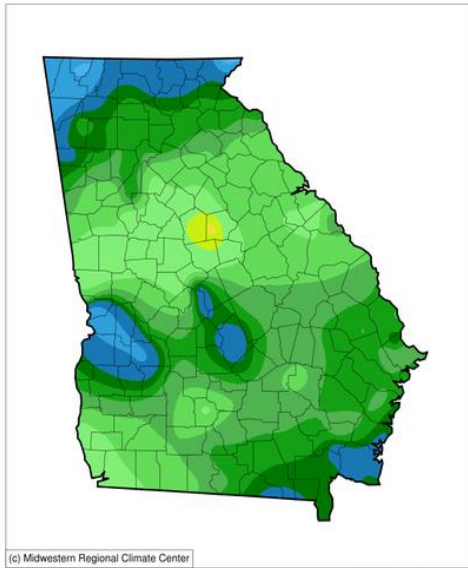
Conditions for Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries.....	0	0	22	71	7
Cattle.....	2	5	23	61	9
Oats.....	0	5	33	56	6
Onions.....	1	2	41	52	4
Pasture and range	1	8	31	52	8
Peaches.....	0	1	12	38	49
Winter wheat.....	0	2	32	57	9

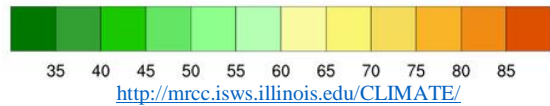
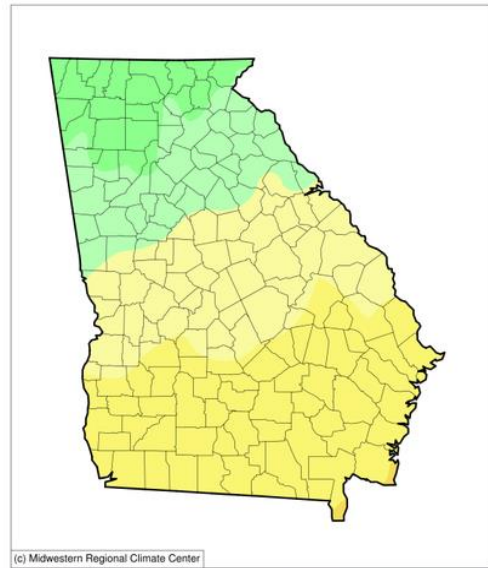
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/19/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	0
Short.....	17	8
Adequate.....	62	71
Surplus.....	19	21
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	10	6
Adequate.....	82	78
Surplus.....	7	16

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 14, 2020

(Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2020)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.69	12.31	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-07-2020	77.28	22.72	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-14-2020	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 04-16-2019	23.15	76.85	10.59	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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