



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.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 26, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 1.1 inches of rain to 8.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Thunderstorms, high winds, and significant rainfall in many parts of the state flooded several fields, damaged crops, and delayed fieldwork for many producers. Some peanuts and cotton may need to be replanted in the eastern part of the state due to excess rain and wet conditions. Small grains in the central part of the state were looking good, although some root rot was spotted on crops in heavy soils. Producers expected to resume planting row crops once the fields dry out. Severe thunderstorms in the southwestern part of the state caused wheat to get lodged in the fields and some producers were concerned that it may not stand back up. Corn was also blown over, but most of it is young enough that yields should not be impacted too greatly. Tobacco was hammered with wind and rain in the south-central part of the state. More baleage was wrapped due to the rain events which aligned with the first cuttings. Blueberries were badly damaged by the severe weather. Ripe fruit was split or knocked to the ground, and green fruit was battered by the winds. Strawberries in the western part of the state were in full swing, and peaches looked promising. Heavy rainfall delayed the spraying and maintenance of pecans, peaches, and strawberries.

Livestock and Pastures

Many pastures in the northern part of the state still had debris in them from the recent tornadoes which producers were cleaning out. Pastures continued transitioning to warm season growth. Cattlemen remained concerned about the livestock markets, and some continued holding cattle rather than selling. There were less flies on cattle this week.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested ..	36	18	30	17
Corn - Planted	93	86	91	90
Corn - Emerged	86	73	84	85
Cotton - Planted.....	10	5	8	7
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	17	9	25	16
Onions - Harvested.....	36	21	29	35
Peanuts - Planted	7	1	5	7
Soybeans - Planted	2	NA	4	1
Tobacco - Transplanted..	80	65	80	81
Winter wheat - Headed ...	90	85	91	89

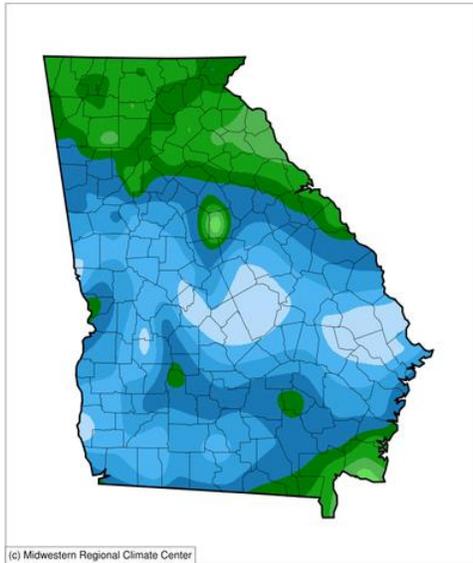
Conditions for Week Ending 04/26/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	2	6	25	62	5
Cattle	2	5	23	60	10
Corn	1	2	20	64	13
Oats.....	0	4	29	59	8
Onions.....	1	5	30	60	4
Pasture and range..	2	7	27	54	10
Peaches	0	1	15	56	28
Winter wheat.....	1	2	29	60	8

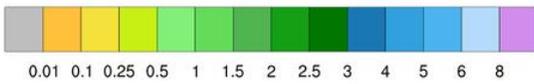
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/26/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	8	1
Adequate	71	52
Surplus	21	47
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	0
Short.....	6	2
Adequate	78	65
Surplus	16	33

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020

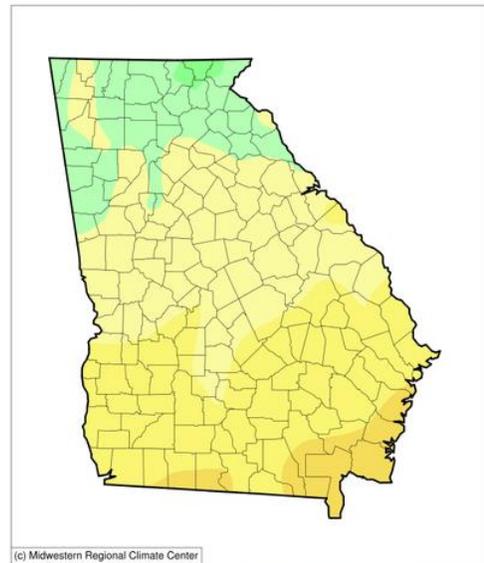


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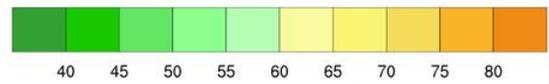


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Average Temperature (°F)
April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020

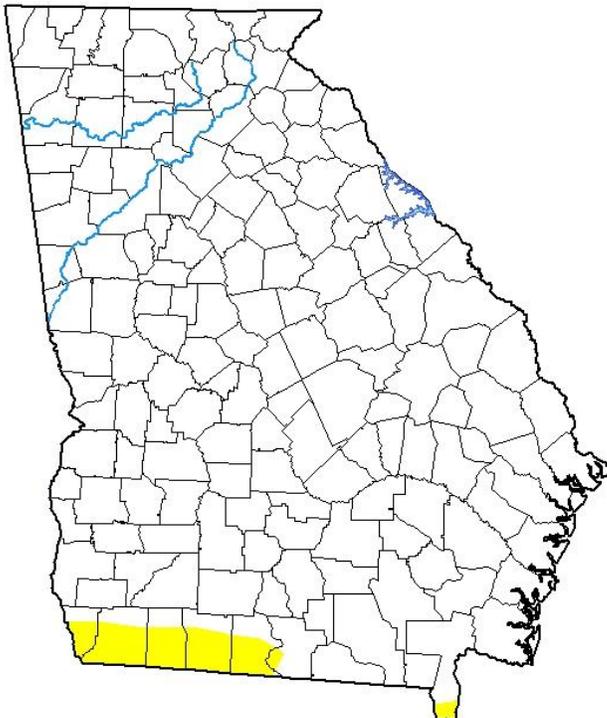


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



April 21, 2020

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-14-2020	87.69	12.31	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-21-2020	93.99	6.01	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 04-23-2019	30.57	69.43	7.86	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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