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

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

U.S. Drought Monitor
Georgia

April 21, 2020
(Released Thursday, Apr. 23, 2020)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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Intensity:
- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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