Georgia Crop Progress and Condition Report

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General
According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 3, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops
Row crop producers continued planting where conditions permitted, but several in the northern part of the state remained delayed due to ongoing clean-up from the tornados that passed through a few weeks ago. While corn planting was nearly complete throughout most of the state, early planted corn in the northern part of the state was stuck in neutral or not emerged due to soil temperature fluctuations. Growers in the central and southern parts of the state were applying herbicides and nitrogen on corn where wind conditions permitted. Small grains progressed nicely in the central part of the state. Storms in the southwestern part of the state knocked down some winter grains and snapped off some of the older corn. Vegetable growers in the southeastern part of the state reported some sluggish growth and soil borne diseases due to cool, wet soil. Fruit producers saw increases in sales as local buying increased due to COVID-19. Repeated freezes in the northern part of the state set some fruits back. Early blueberry varieties started turning in the eastern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures
Forages were doing well in the northern part of the state. Producers in the central part of the state were able to apply fertilizers to pastures. Cool, wet weather in the southeastern part of the state helped to green up pastures, but slowed the growth. Cattle prices remained down due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/2020

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<tr>
<th>Crop Stage</th>
<th>Prev Year (percent)</th>
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<th>This Week (percent)</th>
<th>5 Year Avg (percent)</th>
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Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/2020

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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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