



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.

May 11, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 10, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Cool temperatures across much of the state discouraged many producers from planting cotton and peanuts. Corn germination in the northern and central parts of the state was sluggish, as was cotton and peanut germination in the southern part of the state. Some producers in the southeastern part of the state may need to replant peanuts due to cold soil temperatures and the likelihood of seeding diseases. Small grains in the central part of the state were reaching maturity and harvesting was ongoing. Hay producers in the northern part of the state commented that hay curing was limited. Some hay fields were nearly ready for harvest, and others were cut. Peach producers in the western part of the state reported more damage than anticipated was caused by variable temperatures during the blooming phase of growth. Pecan growers sprayed fungicides on their orchards in the central part of the state. Tomatoes were planted in the western part of the state, and strawberry harvesting was in full swing.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle markets continued struggling with supply chain disruptions and lower prices due to COVID-19. Pastures throughout the state were negatively impacted by cold night temperatures and dry conditions. Some pastures were fertilized in the central part of the state.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/10/20**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested ..	59	35	40	43
Corn - Planted .....	99	94	95	97
Corn - Emerged .....	94	89	92	94
Cotton - Planted.....	37	13	26	29
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	58	40	57	53
Oats - Harvested.....	11	2	18	7
Onions - Harvested .....	70	58	74	67
Peaches - Harvested .....	2	NA	1	2
Peanuts - Planted .....	41	13	28	36
Soybeans - Planted .....	18	10	22	16
Soybeans - Emerged .....	4	NA	5	2
Tobacco - Transplanted..	93	92	95	97
Winter wheat - Harvested	11	4	20	6

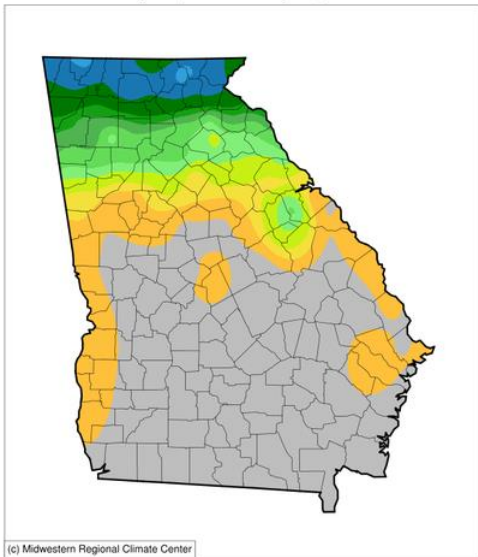
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/10/20**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries .....	3	6	22	62	7
Cattle.....	1	5	23	60	11
Corn .....	1	4	23	54	18
Oats.....	0	3	29	61	7
Pasture and range ..	1	7	26	56	10
Peaches .....	0	1	14	53	32
Tobacco.....	1	1	45	50	3
Winter wheat.....	1	2	24	66	7

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/10/20**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	3
Short.....	5	24
Adequate .....	73	67
Surplus .....	21	6
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	4	16
Adequate .....	78	77
Surplus .....	17	6

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020



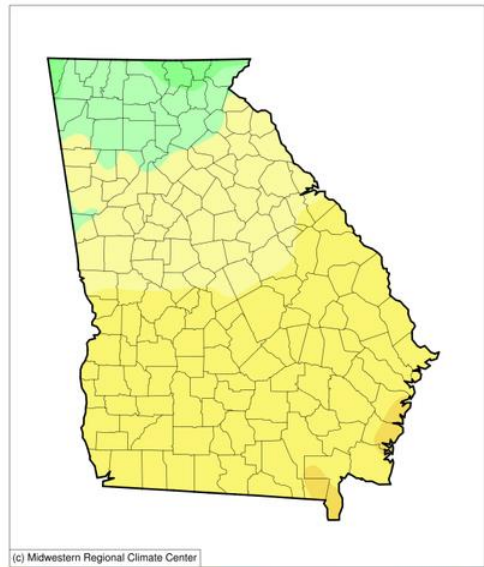
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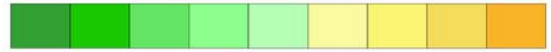
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 04, 2020 to May 10, 2020



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 5, 2020**

(Released Thursday, May 7, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 04-28-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-04-2020	88.12	11.88	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-07-2019	29.58	70.42	18.24	0.00	0.00	0.00

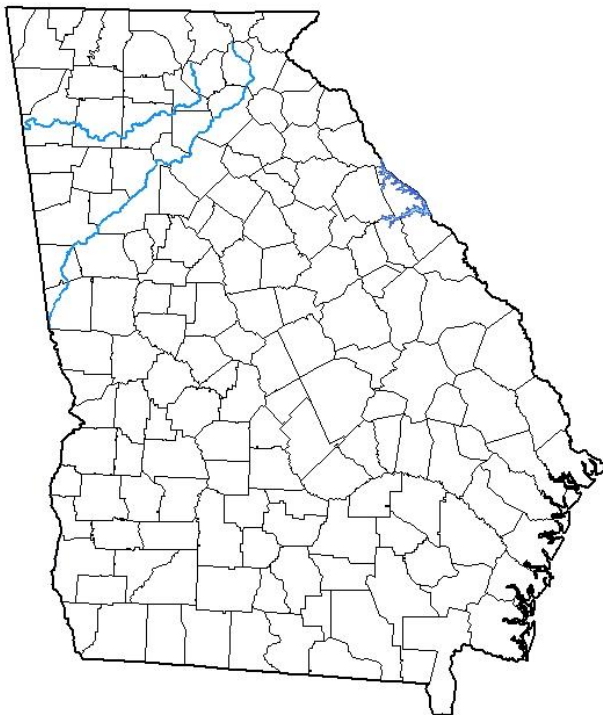
**Intensity:**

- 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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