



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 18, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Cotton and peanut planting continued throughout most of the state; however, many producers expressed concern about the lack of soil moisture and its potential impact on recently planted row crops. Other producers stopped planting dryland crops hoping the soil moisture improves soon. Several growers reported being behind schedule on planting. Corn growers throughout the central and southern parts of the state reported fields beginning to yellow and wilt due to the dry conditions. Some hay was harvested in the northern and central parts of the state, and small grains were harvested in the central part of the state. The tobacco crop was looking good in the southeastern part of the state. Growers in the western part of the state reported strawberries producing at high levels, squash and tomato planting, and early variety peach harvesting activities. Producers in the southeastern part of the state expected to begin harvesting midseason blueberries in the near future.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Warm season pastures continued to struggle due to cooler temperatures earlier in the month combined with a lack of soil moisture in recent weeks. Several livestock producers began feeding hay.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested ..	68	40	56	55
Corn - Emerged	96	92	96	97
Corn - Silking	1	NA	2	1
Cotton - Planted	56	26	41	48
Hay - 1st Cutting	73	57	72	67
Oats - Harvested	20	18	32	16
Onions - Harvested	89	74	86	85
Peaches - Harvested	4	1	15	7
Peanuts - Planted	63	28	48	57
Soybeans - Planted	35	22	31	28
Soybeans - Emerged	16	5	17	9
Winter wheat - Harvested	25	20	31	14

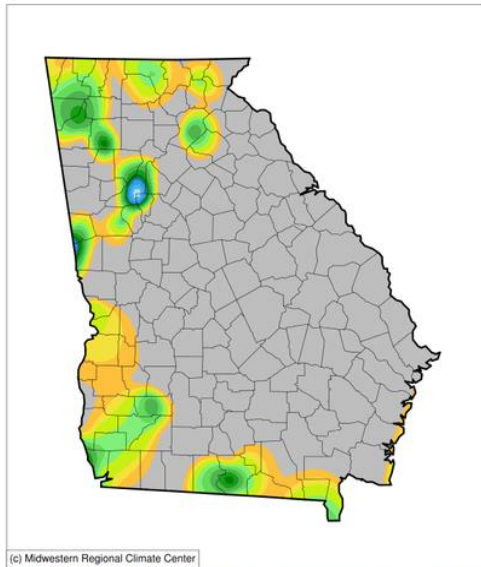
Conditions for Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	2	5	19	66	8
Cattle	1	5	26	57	11
Corn	1	5	23	57	14
Oats	0	2	29	62	7
Pasture and range ..	2	8	29	52	9
Peaches	0	1	15	56	28
Tobacco	0	1	45	52	2
Winter wheat	1	3	24	65	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/17/20

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	3	13
Short	24	31
Adequate	67	53
Surplus	6	3
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	5
Short	16	29
Adequate	77	64
Surplus	6	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



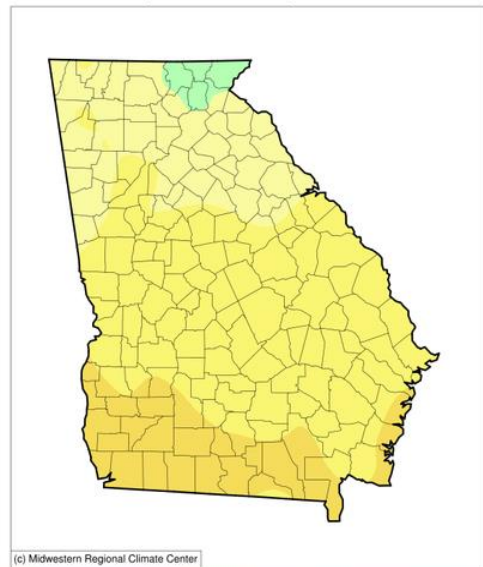
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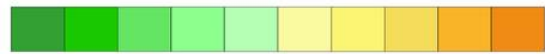
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Average Temperature (°F)
May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

May 12, 2020

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-05-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-11-2020	96.68	3.32	0.02	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 05-14-2019	33.79	66.21	11.72	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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