



**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 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 16, 2021. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

**Crops**

Much of the state received rainfall and cooler conditions throughout the week. Producers noted the rainfall was needed but has delayed planting and harvesting activities across the state. Cooler than normal temperatures were also reported to have slowed the development of some crops. With corn planting wrapped up, some producers began applying herbicides and fertilizer to the crop. Many farmers focused more on corn as the wet and cool conditions limited the ability to plant peanuts, soybeans, and cotton. Some producers started their first cutting of hay in the state. Wheat harvest began slowly as a result of unfavorable weather conditions, although harvesting activities are set to ramp up as conditions improve. Onion harvesting continued closer to completion. Some peach producers in the northern part of the state stopped spraying their crop due to damage received from the late frost a few weeks ago.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Livestock and pastures were generally in good condition throughout the state. Recent rainfall helped improved dry pasture conditions.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/16/21**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested .....	54	44	50	56
Corn - Emerged .....	95	89	94	96
Cotton - Planted .....	39	22	37	45
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	70	48	61	65
Oats - Harvested .....	30	13	22	19
Onions - Harvested .....	84	61	85	85
Peaches - Harvested .....	13	1	9	7
Peanuts - Planted .....	45	22	42	53
Soybeans - Planted .....	30	21	31	27
Soybeans - Emerged .....	15	5	17	10
Tobacco - Transplanted .....	98	91	95	98
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	29	8	15	17

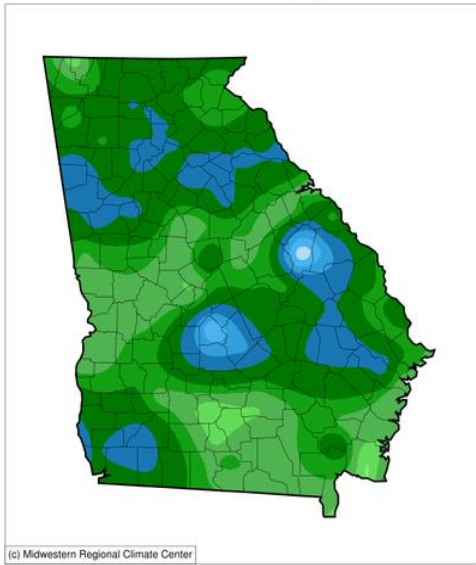
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/16/21**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries .....	0	1	23	67	9
Cattle .....	1	4	21	61	13
Corn .....	1	3	22	60	14
Oats .....	1	2	21	74	2
Pasture and range .....	1	6	25	58	10
Peaches .....	0	5	17	61	17
Tobacco .....	0	0	33	52	15
Winter wheat .....	2	5	29	57	7

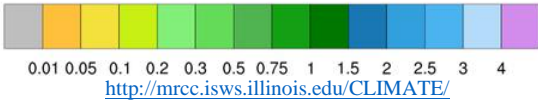
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/16/21**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	2
Short .....	16	13
Adequate .....	78	72
Surplus .....	5	13
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short .....	13	12
Adequate .....	82	74
Surplus .....	4	13

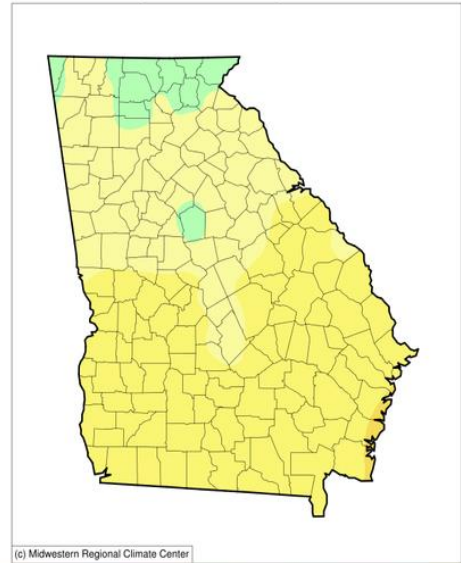
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021



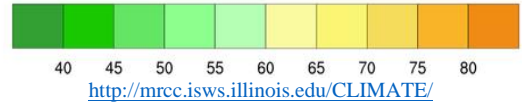
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021

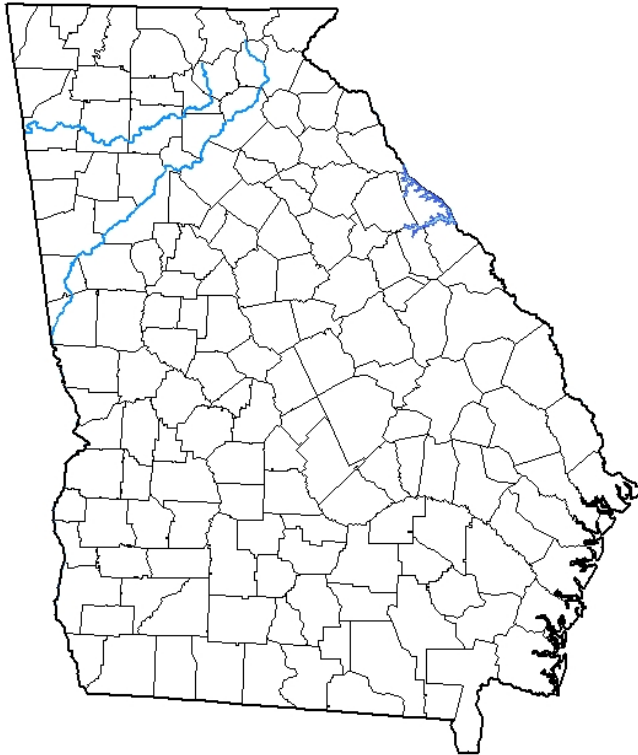


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 11, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, May. 13, 2021)  
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> 05-04-2021	90.05	9.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-09-2021	86.69	13.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	65.78	34.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-12-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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