



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.

April 10, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inch of rain to 5.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Corn continued to be planted across the state with much of the early planted crop beginning to emerge. Cool temperatures and rainfall in the second half of the week kept soil conditions wet in parts of the state which slowed field activities and caused an uptick in diseases in various crops. Producers noted preparing to plant cotton and peanuts in the coming weeks, as weather permits. Tobacco transplanting continued to progress at a steady pace for the year. Peaches and blueberries were mostly bloomed with blueberry harvest kicking off. Some blueberry and peach producers noted freeze damage to the crop resulting from mid-March cool weather events. Wheat, oats, and rye began to head out and were treated with fungicide applications during the week. Harvest of early season Vidalia onions began with harvest expected to pick up in the coming weeks.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and ranges were in good to fair condition throughout the state. Cattle producers noted most cattle in good condition, but cold and wet conditions earlier in the year have not been helpful for pasture growth as winter grazing was limited and hay stocks ran low.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.....	94	89	96	91
Blueberries - Harvested	4	NA	4	3
Corn - Planted	56	50	64	64
Corn - Emerged	40	35	46	44
Onions - Harvested	23	NA	13	9
Peaches - Blooming.....	89	85	89	85
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	22	8	28	27
Winter wheat - Headed	57	43	65	59

(NA) Not available.

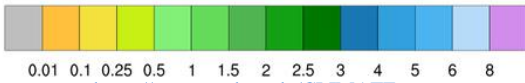
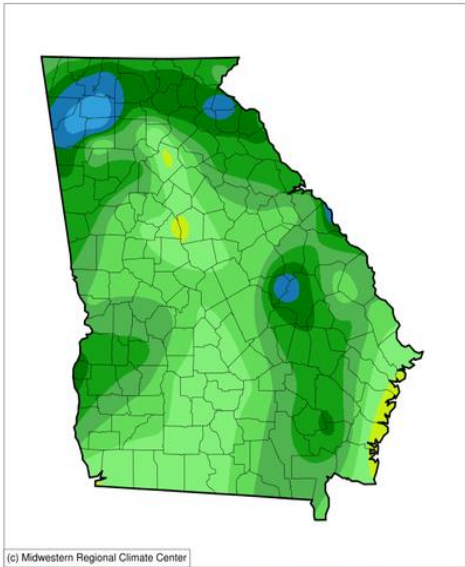
Conditions for Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries	1	1	6	82	10
Cattle	2	6	23	55	14
Oats.....	1	4	25	67	3
Onions.....	0	1	29	66	4
Pasture and range	3	8	30	51	8
Peaches	4	6	10	80	0
Winter wheat.....	2	4	24	61	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/09/23

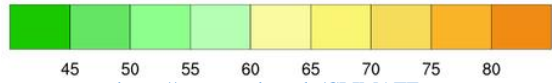
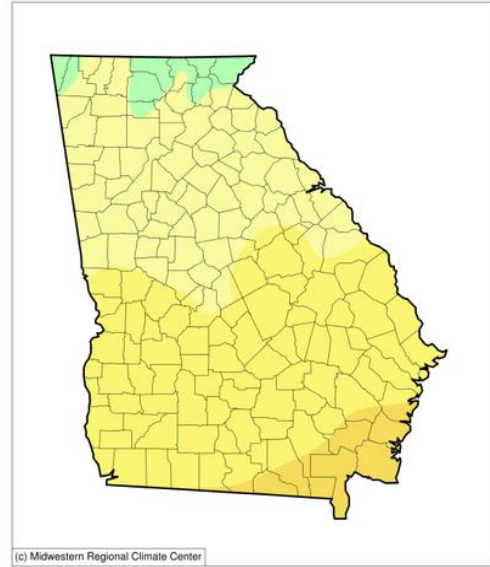
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	2
Short.....	7	5
Adequate	78	74
Surplus	13	19
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	2
Short.....	7	5
Adequate	82	77
Surplus	9	16

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023



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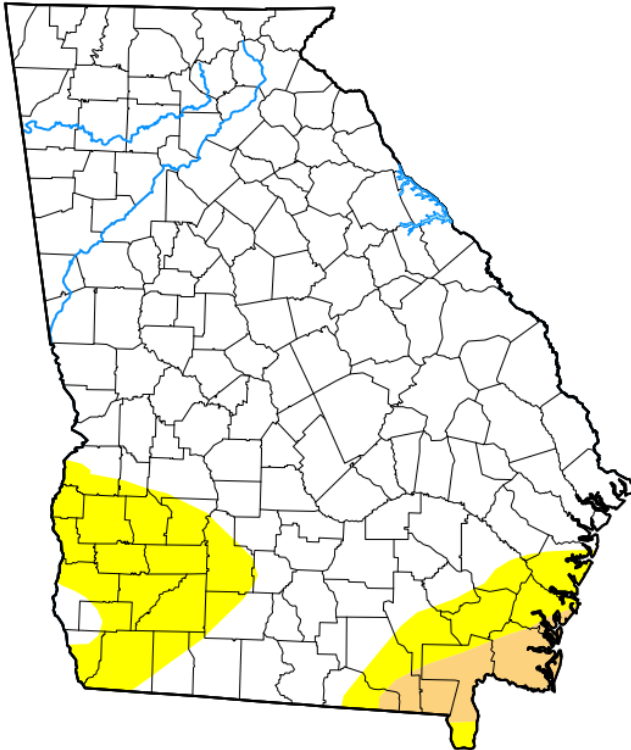
Average Temperature (°F)
April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 4, 2023
(Released Thursday, Apr. 6, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	83.44	16.56	2.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-28-2023	82.69	17.31	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-05-2022	45.79	54.21	28.13	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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