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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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 14, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

Crops

Rainfall across most of the state prevented significant loss of soil moisture as temperatures increased throughout the week. In most areas, the precipitation was enough to aide seed germination, but isolated enough to not limit field activities. Corn planting and emergence was nearly complete. Fields were side dressed with nitrogen and herbicide applications. Warmer temperatures allowed farmers to catch up on planting of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Reporters noted that harvest may be condensed this year given the delays in planting experienced this spring. Hay producers dodged thunderstorms while cutting throughout the week to allow ample drying time before baling. A small hail event was reported to have damaged crops in the southern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pasture and ranges were in good to fair condition throughout the state. Pastures were green but slow growing, with expectations of good growth in the coming weeks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested	54	50	63	52
Corn - Planted	(NA)	94	95	(NA)
Corn - Emerged	95	89	92	94
Cotton - Planted	37	13	32	39
Hay - 1st Cutting	53	43	56	59
Oats - Harvested	12	7	14	16
Onions - Harvested	93	82	92	81
Peaches - Harvested	2	0	2	5
Peanuts - Planted	45	13	37	45
Soybeans - Planted	29	15	26	26
Soybeans - Emerged	9	3	13	10
Tobacco - Transplanted	(NA)	93	97	(NA)
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	14	7	13	16

(NA) Not available.

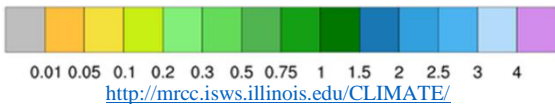
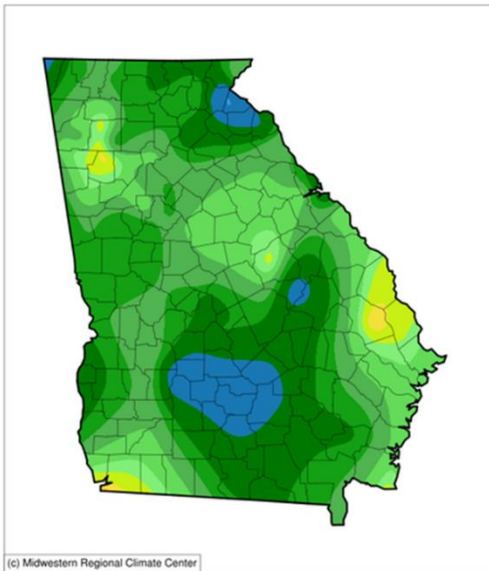
Conditions for Week Ending 05/14/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	4	24	56	14
Corn	0	5	18	62	15
Oats	1	5	25	66	3
Pasture and range	2	6	28	57	7
Peaches	5	6	12	71	6
Tobacco	1	4	34	58	3
Winter wheat	2	6	26	59	7

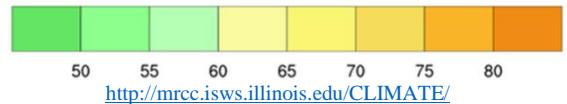
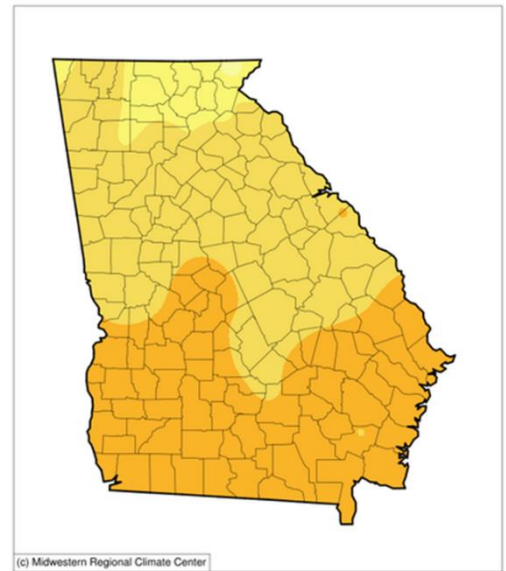
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/14/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	2	3
Short	22	26
Adequate	71	67
Surplus	5	4
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	1	4
Short	16	15
Adequate	79	78
Surplus	4	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023

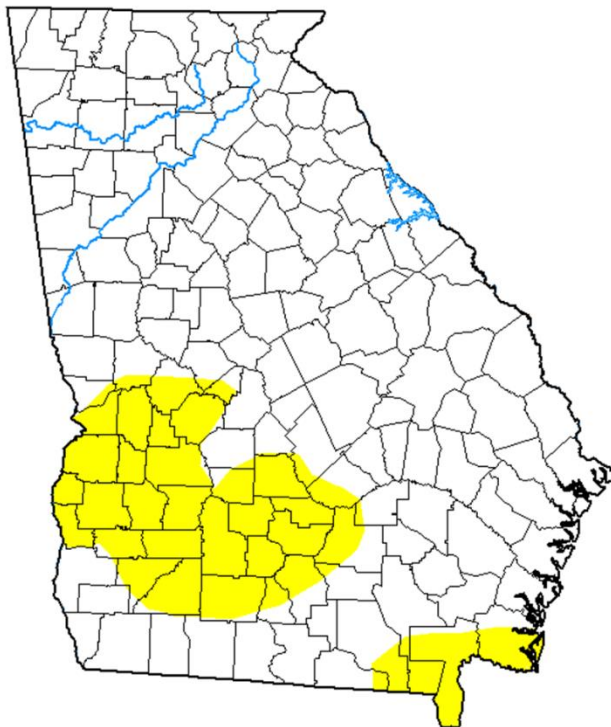


Average Temperature (°F)
May 08, 2023 to May 14, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

May 9, 2023
(Released Thursday, May 11, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.56	19.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-02-2023	83.20	16.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-07-2023	79.19	20.81	9.47	0.00	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 05-10-2022	58.09	41.91	24.80	1.52	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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