



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 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.5 inches to 3.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

Another week of scattered showers across the state brought soil moisture into adequate levels with some areas beginning to have a surplus. The wet conditions did slow field activities during the week. Corn emergence was nearing completion as fields began to tassel and silking. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting all continued to progress as weather permitted. Some peanut producers in southwest Georgia reported hog damage in their fields which has resulted in them replanting fields. Hay producers dodged thunderstorms while cutting throughout the week to allow ample drying time before baling. Some producers were experiencing a loss in hay production in central Georgia due to the root system not being fully developed from the winter freeze and the drought last summer. Small grains continued to be harvested, although delayed in many areas due to the rainfall. Farmers in southwest Georgia were noted to be anxious to harvest their wheat so that they can double crop soybeans or sorghum behind it.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and ranges were in good to fair condition throughout the state. Flies were noted be an issue in cattle. Pasture regrowth continued to pick up over the last week with the rainfall and warmer temperatures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested .....	73	63	71	64
Corn - Emerged .....	98	92	95	97
Corn - Silking .....	3	NA	5	5
Cotton - Planted .....	56	32	51	57
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	68	56	68	72
Oats - Harvested .....	29	14	27	29
Onions - Harvested .....	97	92	95	93
Peaches - Harvested .....	7	2	14	11
Peanuts - Planted .....	68	37	59	65
Soybeans - Planted .....	40	26	38	39
Soybeans - Emerged .....	23	13	25	22
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	27	13	24	29

(NA) Not available.

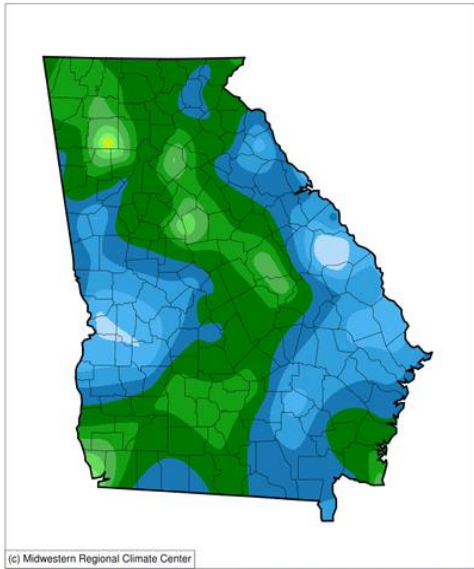
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/21/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	23	57	14
Corn .....	0	5	17	63	15
Oats .....	1	6	23	66	4
Pasture and range .....	2	8	29	54	7
Peaches .....	3	3	8	80	6
Tobacco .....	0	4	27	66	3
Winter wheat .....	2	6	32	52	8

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/23**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	3	0
Short .....	26	13
Adequate .....	67	75
Surplus .....	4	12
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	4	0
Short .....	15	11
Adequate .....	78	80
Surplus .....	3	9

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 15, 2023 to May 21, 2023

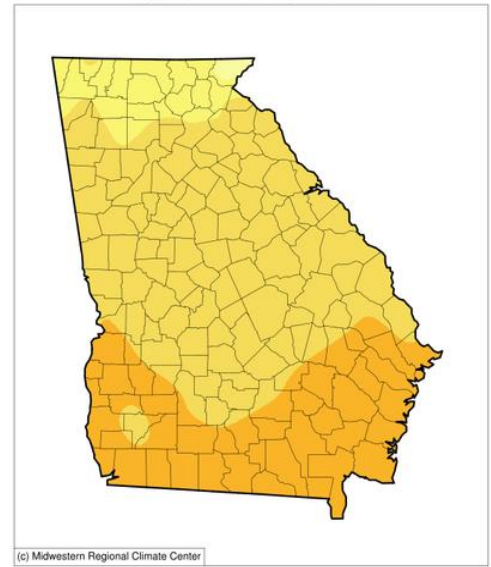


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 15, 2023 to May 21, 2023



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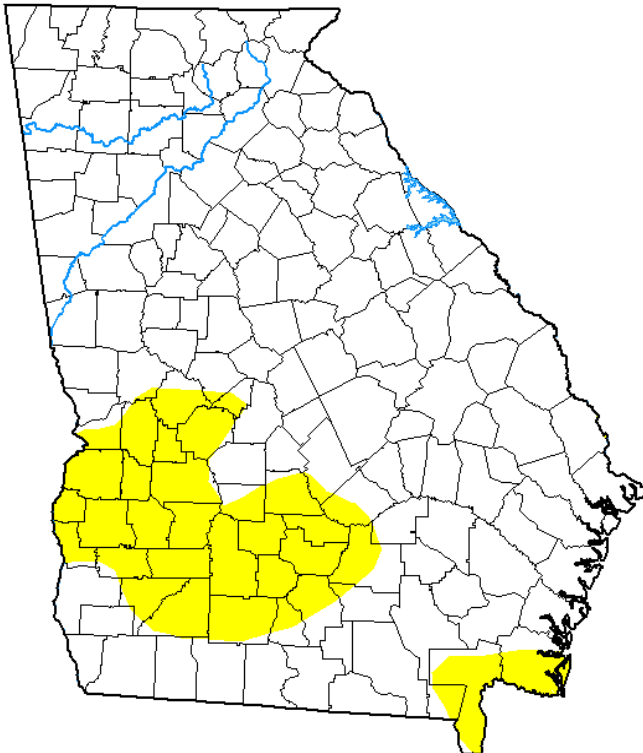
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 16, 2023**

(Released Thursday, May 18, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	82.09	17.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-09-2023	80.56	19.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-14-2023	90.41	9.59	3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-17-2022	26.74	73.26	24.80	4.99	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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