



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 30, 2023

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 28, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 3.7 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Corn fields were beginning to silk and tassel as growers were applying nitrogen. Cotton, peanut, and soybean planting was able to progress well with favorable weather conditions in many areas. Planters were running hard during the week to help catch up. Excessive rain and seed emergence issues in some areas of southern Georgia caused producers to replant cotton and peanuts. Small grains continued to be harvested, with yields in central Georgia anticipated to be average to slightly below average. Many winter wheat and other small grain fields in southwest Georgia were reported to have been blown over. Some soybeans in southwest Georgia will be planted as soon as wheat is out of the field, but farmers were having to finish planting cotton and peanuts first where they could before weeds become an issue. Small grains continued to be harvested, with yields in central Georgia anticipated to be average to slightly below average. Many small grain fields in southwest Georgia were reported to have been blown over and is anticipated to reduce quality.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pasture and ranges were in good to fair condition throughout the state. Cooler temperatures during the week helped lower stress in livestock. For pastures, the cooler temperatures slowed down growth and development. Italian ryegrass was also noted to be an issue in central Georgia pastures and hay fields.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested .....	83	71	75	76
Corn - Silking .....	16	5	22	21
Cotton - Planted .....	71	51	68	71
Cotton - Squaring .....	1	NA	1	1
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	79	68	76	81
Oats - Harvested .....	42	27	37	46
Peaches - Harvested .....	17	14	18	18
Peanuts - Planted .....	80	59	78	78
Soybeans - Planted .....	53	38	54	52
Soybeans - Emerged .....	36	25	42	37
Winter wheat - Harvested ..	42	24	37	46

(NA) Not available.

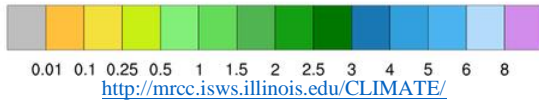
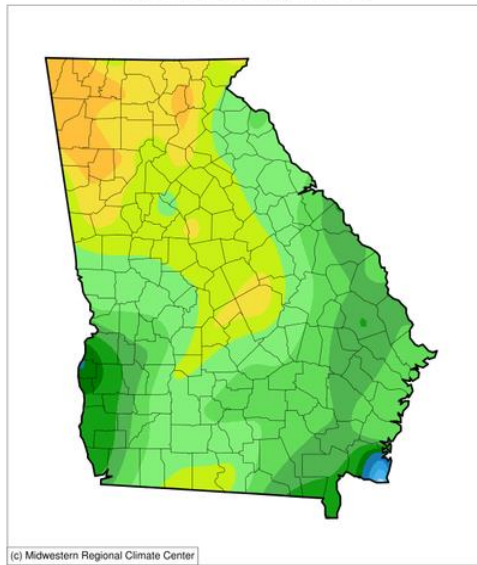
**Conditions for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	24	57	13
Corn .....	1	4	17	58	20
Cotton .....	1	4	25	61	9
Oats .....	0	3	31	61	5
Pasture and range .....	2	8	26	56	8
Peaches .....	6	4	9	75	6
Peanuts .....	2	5	30	56	7
Tobacco .....	0	5	30	63	2
Winter wheat .....	3	6	33	51	7

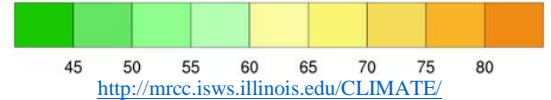
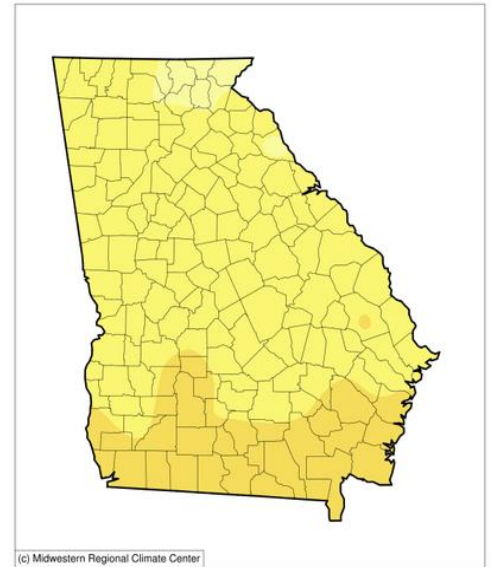
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/28/23**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short .....	13	14
Adequate .....	75	75
Surplus .....	12	10
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short .....	11	12
Adequate .....	80	79
Surplus .....	9	8

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023

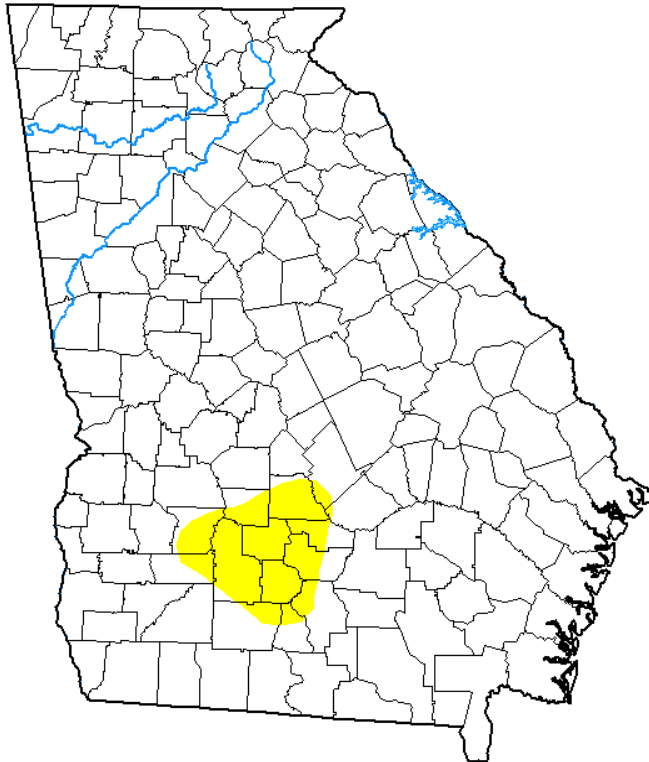


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 22, 2023 to May 28, 2023



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 23, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, May 25, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	95.36	4.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 05-16-2023	82.09	17.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-21-2023	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> 05-24-2022	44.98	55.02	9.41	3.31	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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