



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 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, March 31, 2024. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to over 4 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received a moderate amount of rain last week, with much of the southern half of the state receiving significant amounts. The precipitation delayed fieldwork for many operators, with planting of corn progressing well below historical averages. Temperatures fell to near freezing in some parts of the state, but reporters noted no damage to blueberries or peaches. Oats and winter wheat were reported to be in good condition, but there were some isolated instances of virus and disease that required treatment. Reporters noted that onions were in good condition with a ship date in mid-April. Spring vegetable transplanting was reported to have begun last week.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Pastures began to green up due to warmer weather and rain, but many operators had to supplement cattle with hay until warm season grasses are better established.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 3/31/24**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.....	89	NA	77	84
Corn - Planted .....	50	NA	29	46
Corn - Emerged .....	35	NA	17	30
Oats - Headed .....	NA	NA	30	NA
Peaches - Blooming.....	85	NA	48	72
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	43	NA	37	37

(NA) Not Available

**Conditions for Week Ending 3/31/24**

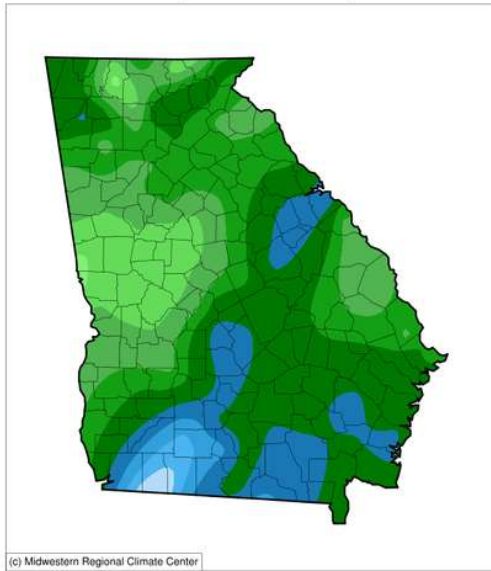
Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries .....	0	4	7	86	3
Cattle.....	3	5	25	55	12
Oats.....	1	2	26	67	4
Onions.....	0	0	19	75	6
Pasture and range .....	3	8	33	46	10
Peaches .....	0	0	5	95	0
Winter Wheat.....	1	4	24	65	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 3/31/24**

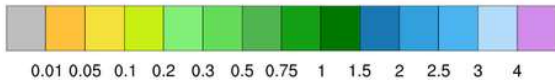
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	NA	1
Short.....	NA	2
Adequate .....	NA	54
Surplus .....	NA	43
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	NA	0
Short.....	NA	3
Adequate .....	NA	72
Surplus .....	NA	25

(NA) Not Available

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024

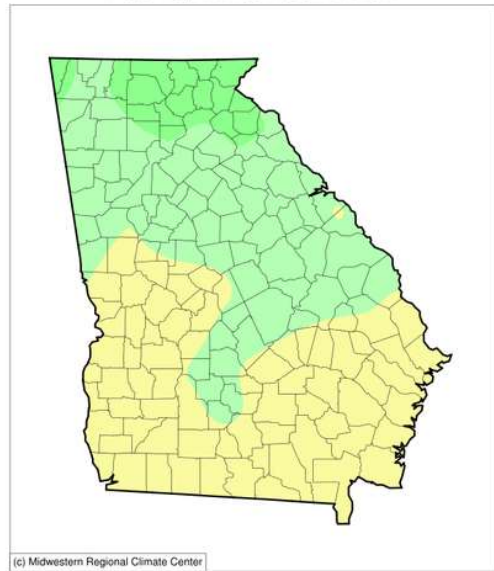


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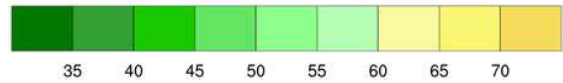


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024



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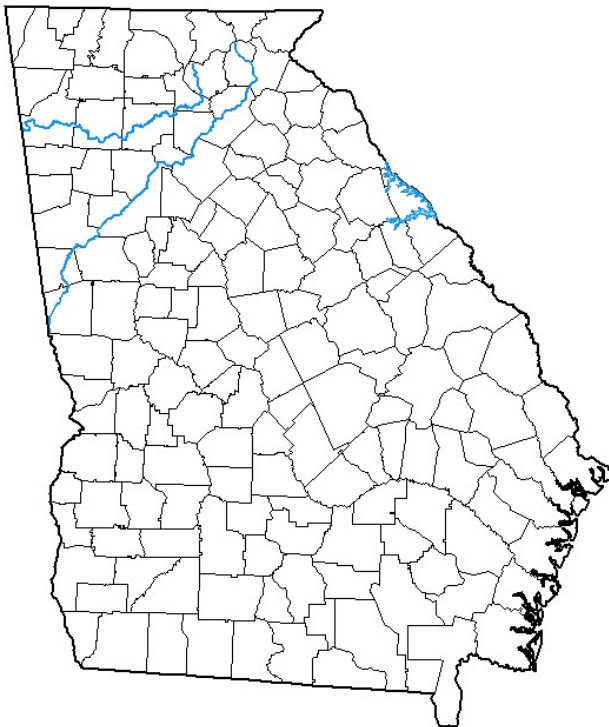
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**March 26, 2024**

(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024)

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> 03-19-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-26-2023	52.35	47.65	28.13	11.48	0.07	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2024	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-28-2023	82.69	17.31	5.00	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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