



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 8, 2024

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 7, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.4 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received some amount of rain last week, with the north central region of the state receiving the most precipitation due to storms. With the rain came cooler nighttime temperatures, although there were no reports of frost or crop damage. Operators in drier areas were able to conduct a significant amount of field work, with planting of corn making strong progress last week. Producers were noted to have been applying fertilizer and lime as well as herbicide burndown on cover crops in preparation for cotton planting. Blueberries were reported to be coming along nicely, with most early fruiting bushes having set fruit and later bearing plants actively blooming. Similarly, most early peach varieties had set fruit while later bearing trees were just starting to bloom. Winter wheat continued to head out and some fields were sprayed to control powdery mildew and rust. Reporters noted some instances of root rot due to excess moisture in winter small grains.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Rain and warmer temperatures helped further improve pasture conditions, with reporters noting fewer operators had to feed supplemental hay.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/7/24**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.....	94	77	86	89
Corn - Planted .....	60	29	48	58
Corn - Emerged .....	43	17	33	40
Oats - Headed .....	NA	30	55	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	NA	NA	3	NA
Peaches - Blooming.....	88	48	70	79
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	59	37	64	53

(NA) Not Available

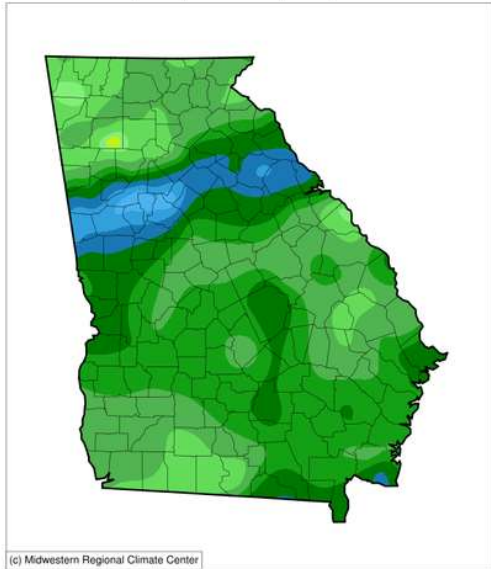
**Conditions for Week Ending 4/7/24**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries .....	0	6	7	81	6
Cattle .....	2	5	24	55	14
Oats .....	1	2	24	69	4
Onions .....	0	0	18	74	8
Pasture and range .....	3	8	31	48	10
Peaches .....	0	0	5	90	5
Winter wheat.....	1	2	23	67	7

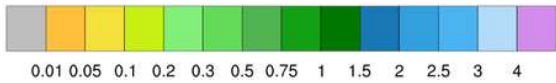
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/7/24**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	2	2
Adequate .....	54	63
Surplus .....	43	34
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	0	1
Short.....	3	4
Adequate .....	72	74
Surplus .....	25	21

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



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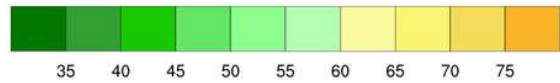


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**April 2, 2024**

(Released Thursday, Apr. 4, 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> 03-26-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-02-2024	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	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> 04-04-2023	83.44	16.56	2.81	0.00	0.00	0.00

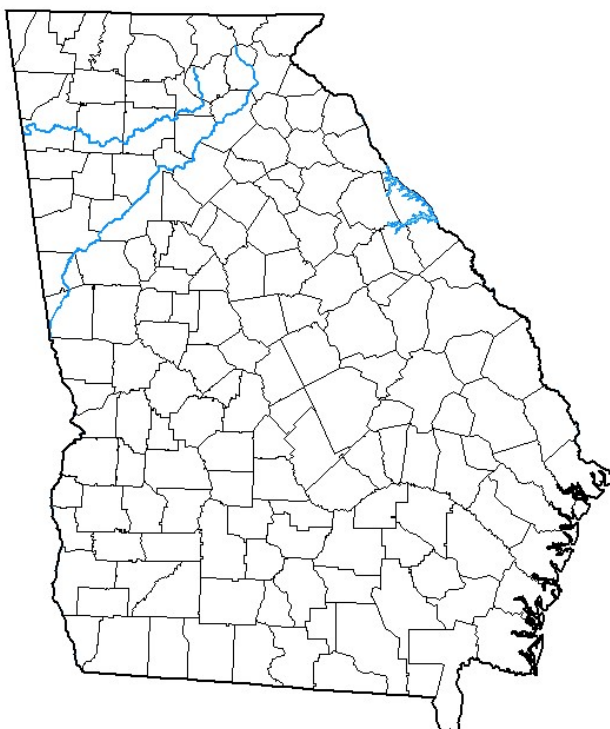
**Intensity:**

- 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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