



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 15, 2011. Statewide topsoil moistures were rated at 32% very short, 39% short, 27% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 24% very short, 44% short, 30% adequate, and 2% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 1.5 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the high 60s to the lower 80s.

| Crop Progress            |           |           |      |          |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|
| Crop                     | This Week | Last Week | 2010 | 5-Yr Avg |
|                          | Percent   |           |      |          |
| Blueberries - Harvested  | 25        | 17        | N/A  | N/A      |
| Cotton - Planted         | 38        | 20        | 43   | 41       |
| Hay First Cutting Comp.  | 55        | 38        | N/A  | N/A      |
| Oats - Harvested         | 21        | 11        | N/A  | N/A      |
| Onions - Harvested       | 65        | 60        | 35   | 58       |
| Peaches - Harvested      | 6         | 2         | 3    | 3        |
| Peanuts - Planted        | 33        | 15        | 31   | 28       |
| Rye - Harvested          | 16        | 12        | N/A  | N/A      |
| Sorghum - Planted        | 24        | 21        | 23   | 27       |
| Soybeans - Planted       | 14        | 3         | 19   | 18       |
| Winter Wheat - Harvested | 10        | 3         | 3    | 3        |

| Crop Condition  |         |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|---------|----|----|----|----|
| Crop            | VP      | P  | F  | G  | EX |
|                 | Percent |    |    |    |    |
| Blueberries     | 0       | 0  | 38 | 48 | 14 |
| Corn            | 1       | 7  | 40 | 42 | 10 |
| Hay             | 7       | 19 | 34 | 35 | 5  |
| Pasture & Range | 9       | 24 | 32 | 31 | 4  |
| Peaches         | 0       | 0  | 22 | 35 | 43 |
| Pecans          | 0       | 6  | 52 | 34 | 8  |
| Tobacco         | 0       | 3  | 42 | 51 | 4  |
| Watermelons     | 0       | 4  | 40 | 54 | 2  |
| Winter Wheat    | 0       | 8  | 32 | 45 | 15 |

VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

## County Extension Comments

"Dry!!! Large portion of county received less than .1 of an inch of rainfall. Pastures and hayfields have shut down; cattle producers are feeding the last of hay supply. Irrigated crops may soon be in trouble as stream levels are critically low."

**Roger Sinyard, Marion County, District 40**

"Dry week was good for baling hay; rainfall and soil moisture needed."

**Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County District 40**

"Just completed harvest for our first variety of peaches."

**Frank Funderburk, Peach County, District 50**

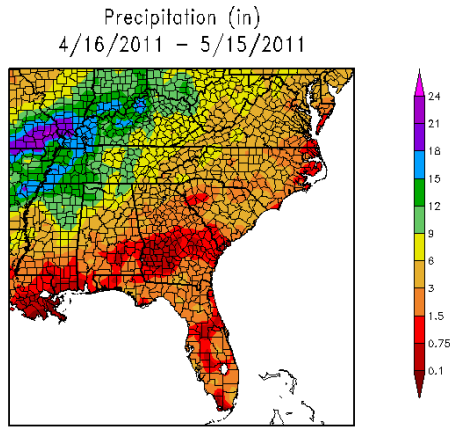
"Suffering from less than 2 inches of rain since April 1. Peanuts are being planted deep, cotton dusted in and everyone has been pretty much planting irrigated acres this week. If we don't get good rain over the weekend, we'll be in a mess/twiddling' our thumbs. Cotton that is up is barely growing, setting us up for thrip injury. Peanuts planted in dry land aren't even up except for the ones planted back in late April. Pastures look burned and yellow like July. Wheat, oats and rye are maturing rapidly and should make good crops."

**Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60**

"Dry and hot. Delaying planting has caused some growers to dust in on dry land acres. Dry weather is affecting herbicide and insecticide uptake on all crops. We need rain soon....."

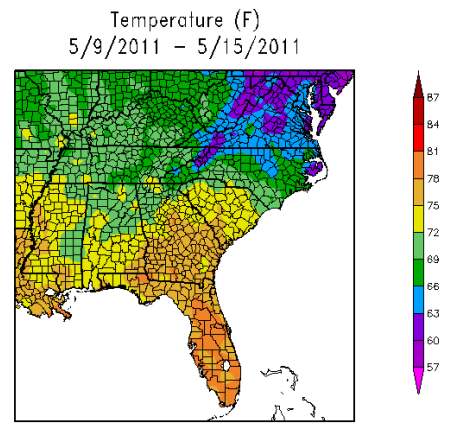
**Mark, Atkinson County, District 80**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

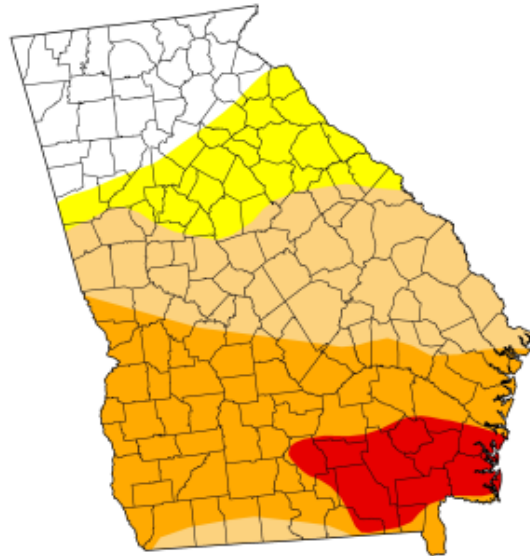
May 10, 2011  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|   | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current                                       | 16.44  | 83.56 | 70.01 | 40.45 | 8.39  | 0.00 |
| Last Week<br>(05/03/2011 map)                 | 23.24  | 76.76 | 69.87 | 18.79 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>(02/09/2011 map)              | 3.05   | 96.95 | 74.89 | 21.87 | 6.18  | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>(12/29/2010 map) | 2.42   | 97.58 | 85.37 | 40.34 | 6.49  | 0.00 |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>(09/28/2010 map)    | 4.80   | 95.20 | 39.24 | 5.11  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>(05/04/2010 map)              | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>



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