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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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 3, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Row crop producers continued planting where conditions permitted, but several in the northern part of the state remained delayed due to ongoing clean-up from the tornados that passed through a few weeks ago. While corn planting was nearly complete throughout most of the state, early planted corn in the northern part of the state was stuck in neutral or not emerged due to soil temperature fluctuations. Growers in the central and southern parts of the state were applying herbicides and nitrogen on corn where wind conditions permitted. Small grains progressed nicely in the central part of the state. Storms in the southwestern part of the state knocked down some winter grains and snapped off some of the older corn. Vegetable growers in the southeastern part of the state reported some sluggish growth and soil borne diseases due to cool, wet soil. Fruit producers saw increases in sales as local buying increased due to COVID-19. Repeated freezes in the northern part of the state set some fruits back. Early blueberry varieties started turning in the eastern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Forages were doing well in the northern part of the state. Producers in the central part of the state were able to apply fertilizers to pastures. Cool, wet weather in the southeastern part of the state helped to green up pastures, but slowed the growth. Cattle prices remained down due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested	47	30	35	32
Corn - Planted	95	91	94	94
Corn - Emerged	92	84	89	91
Cotton - Planted	20	8	13	15
Hay - 1st Cutting	38	25	40	35
Oats - Harvested	1	NA	2	2
Onions - Harvested	51	29	58	49
Peanuts - Planted	22	5	13	18
Soybeans - Planted	9	4	10	7
Tobacco - Transplanted	88	80	92	93
Winter wheat - Headed	94	91	95	95
Winter wheat - Harvested	1	NA	4	1

Conditions for Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	3	7	18	65	7
Cattle	1	5	23	60	11
Corn	1	2	20	61	16
Oats	0	2	27	64	7
Onions	1	7	31	57	4
Pasture and range	2	7	25	56	10
Peaches	0	1	15	56	28
Tobacco	1	2	45	49	3
Winter wheat	1	3	28	61	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/03/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1
Short	1	5
Adequate	52	73
Surplus	47	21
Subsoil	**Previous week**	**This week**
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	1
Short	2	4
Adequate	65	78
Surplus	33	17

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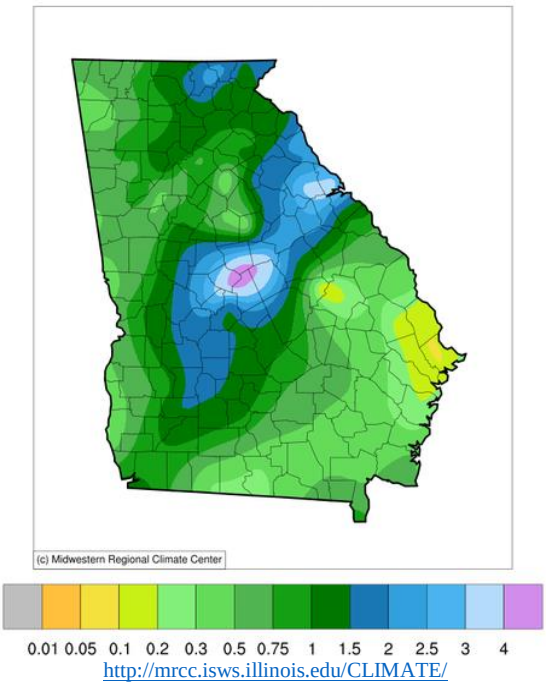
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



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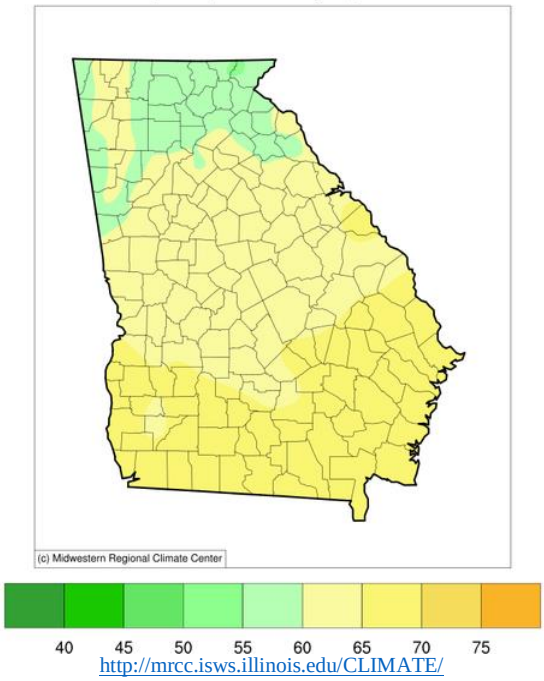
Average Temperature (°F)
April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



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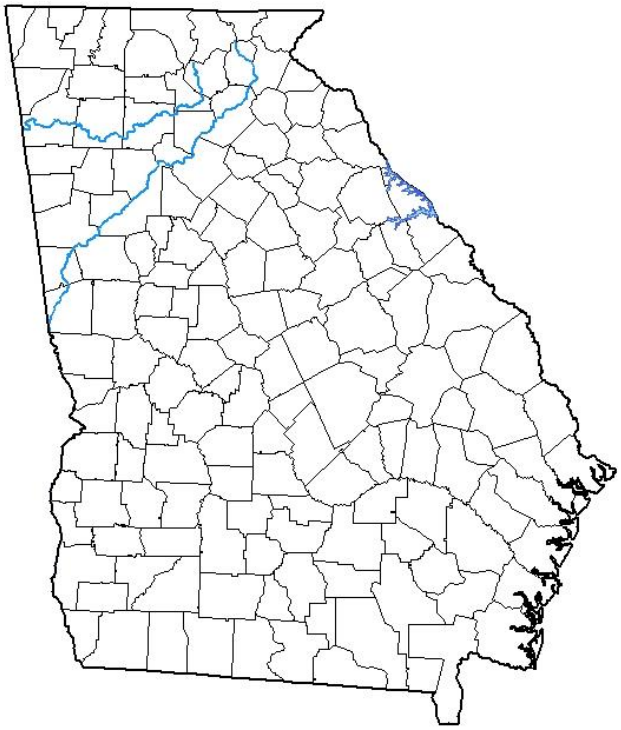
Georgia



April 28, 2020
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *04-21-2020*	97.04	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *01-28-2020*	89.44	10.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *12-31-2019*	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *10-01-2019*	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
One Year Ago *04-30-2019*	29.58	70.42	13.09	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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