



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Georgia Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



Cooperating with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service  
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 100 · Athens, GA 30601 · (800) 253-4419  
[www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

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 15, 2024

Media Contact: Anthony Prillaman

**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 14, 2024. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to over 8 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

It was a wet week throughout the state last week, with the southern third of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. High winds also swept across much of the state, with some reports of downed trees and power lines. Wet fields and high winds hindered both planting and pesticide application across much of the state. Reporters noted that prolonged wet and cool fields in much of the state have severely limited corn planting, with some operators returning corn seed in exchange for cotton or peanut seed. Field preparations continued for planting of cotton and peanuts, although only minimal planting occurred because of the precipitation throughout the week. Vidalia onions were being prepared for harvest during the week, although progress was also limited due to wet field conditions. Reporters noted that watermelon planting neared completion. Hay fields continued to green up rapidly due to heavy rains the past few weeks.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Pastures continued to improve due to the rain, with reporters noting supplemental feeding of hay to cattle becoming less common.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/14/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.....	NA	86	94	NA
Blueberries - Harvested .....	11	NA	2	9
Corn - Planted .....	73	48	65	75
Corn - Emerged .....	57	33	48	57
Cotton - Planted.....	1	0	1	2
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	NA	NA	4	NA
Oats - Headed .....	NA	55	80	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	24	3	13	19
Peaches - Blooming.....	93	70	85	91
Peanuts - Planted .....	0	NA	1	0
Winter Wheat - Headed .....	74	64	79	72

(NA) Not Available

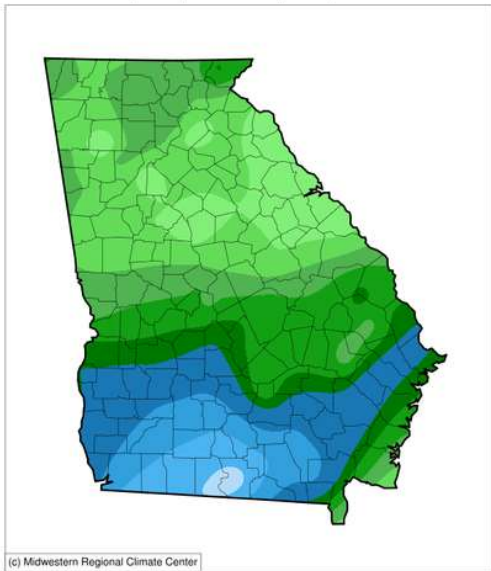
**Conditions for Week Ending 4/14/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Blueberries .....	0	4	14	79	3
Cattle.....	1	4	21	60	14
Oats.....	0	2	25	70	3
Onions .....	0	0	18	75	7
Pasture and range .....	2	7	29	52	10
Peaches .....	0	0	3	76	21
Winter Wheat.....	1	2	23	68	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/14/24**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	2	3
Adequate .....	63	54
Surplus .....	34	42
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short.....	4	3
Adequate .....	74	55
Surplus .....	21	41

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024



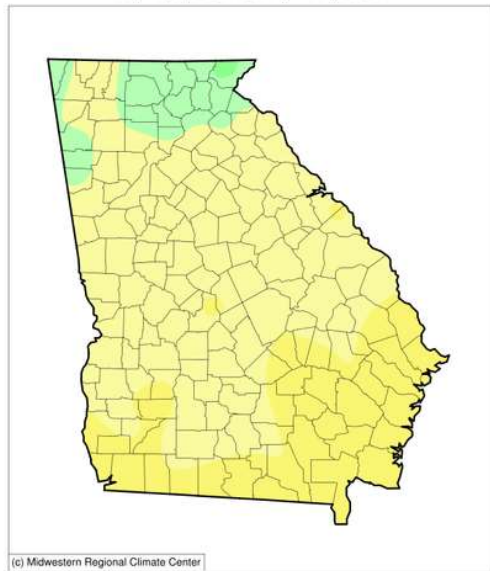
(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



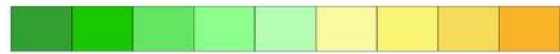
0.01 0.1 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4 5 6 8

<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

**Average Temperature (°F)**  
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024



(c) Midwestern Regional Climate Center



40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75

<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE>

## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**April 9, 2024**

(Released Thursday, Apr. 11, 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> 04-02-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-09-2024	69.52	30.48	21.86	7.70	0.00	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> 04-11-2023	85.71	14.29	2.81	0.00	0.00	0.00

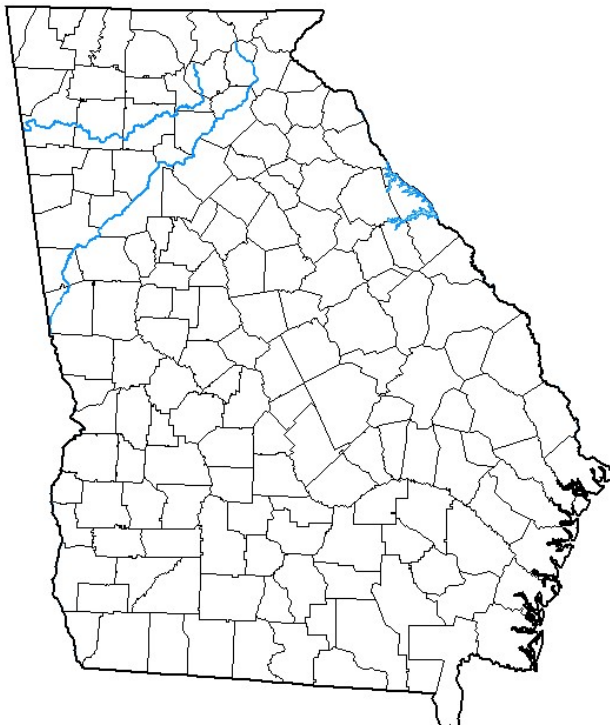
Intensity:

- 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>

Author:

Brad Pugh  
CPC/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)