



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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 21, 2024. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.5 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

It was a dry week for much of the state, with only the western portions of the state receiving a moderate amount of precipitation. The drier weather allowed operators to conduct more field work than in previous weeks. Despite rising temperatures, some operators have continued to wait to plant cotton and peanuts due to cool nights. Field crops that had already been planted were reported to be in good condition, although soil moisture depleted quickly throughout the week in many areas. Irrigation was turned on in some portions of the state to aide seed emergence. There were reports of previously drowned out corn being replanted last week as well as some damage to corn due to hogs. The dry weather allowed many operators to conduct a first cutting of hay, with good quality being reported. After several weeks of wet weather, onion producers were in full swing harvesting throughout the week. Watermelon planting was reported to be complete.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in good to fair condition. Reporters noted that flies on cattle were becoming an issue earlier than expected. Despite greening pastures, some cattle operators were still looking for hay, which was reported to be in low supply in certain areas.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 4/21/24

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Blooming.....	NA	94	98	NA
Blueberries - Harvested	18	2	9	18
Corn - Planted	83	65	80	86
Corn - Emerged	72	48	65	73
Cotton - Planted.....	3	1	4	5
Hay - 1st Cutting.....	11	4	17	11
Oats - Headed	NA	80	88	NA
Onions - Harvested.....	42	13	33	32
Peaches - Blooming.....	95	85	96	95
Peanuts - Planted	1	1	3	2
Soybeans - Planted	2	NA	2	1
Winter Wheat - Headed	84	79	87	83

(NA) Not Available

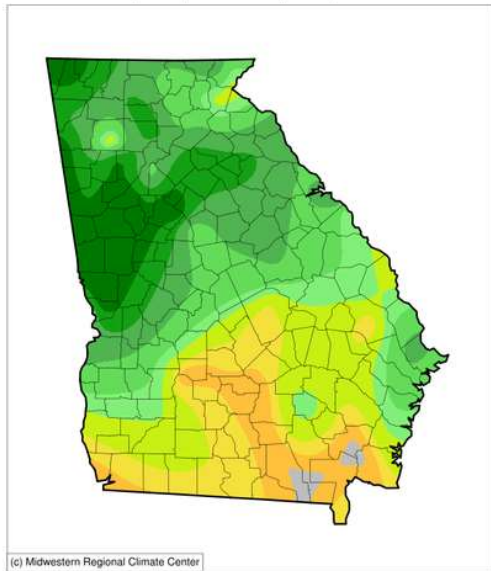
Conditions for Week Ending 4/21/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries	0	4	6	85	5
Cattle.....	2	5	22	58	13
Corn.....	0	3	26	64	7
Oats.....	1	2	24	70	3
Onions.....	0	0	18	74	8
Pasture and range	2	7	28	53	10
Peaches	0	0	1	74	25
Winter Wheat.....	0	3	25	64	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 4/21/24

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short.....	3	10
Adequate	54	64
Surplus	42	25
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1
Short.....	3	8
Adequate	55	65
Surplus	41	26

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024



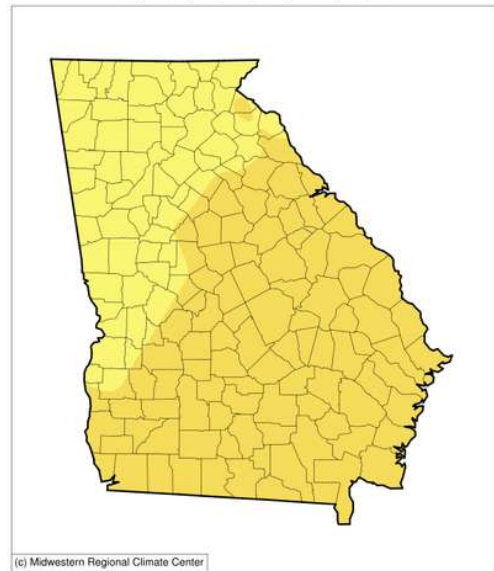
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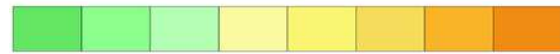
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Average Temperature (°F)
April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

April 16, 2024

(Released Thursday, Apr. 18, 2024)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

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 04-09-2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-16-2024	77.61	22.39	10.31	0.49	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	46.66	53.34	28.92	11.91	0.07	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	78.43	21.57	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-18-2023	90.46	9.54	2.99	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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