



**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 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 19, 2024. Precipitation totals from available reporting stations ranged from no rain to 5.8 inches of rain throughout the week. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**Crops**

Intermittent rainfall continued throughout the week, with the southwestern region of the state receiving a significant amount of precipitation. Even with low precipitation levels in most areas of the state, periodic rainy weather negatively impacted field work time for many operators. Standing water and deep washes became a particular concern for planted seed emergence in the southwestern portion of the state. Reporters also noted disease and weed control issues in cotton and peanut fields due to wet field conditions. Corn was noted to be handling the precipitation well and growers were able to turn off irrigation pivots. Continuous rain was also noted to be affecting producers attempting to harvest hay, small grains, blueberries, and onions. Disease on some vegetable crops was also reported due to the wet weather and warming conditions.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle and pastures were reported to be in mostly good condition. Pastures benefited greatly from the rain, with good growth progress reported across the state. Thistles were noted as an emerging problem in some hay and pasture fields across the state.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 5/19/24**

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested .....	69	61	65	64
Corn - Emerged .....	94	92	95	96
Corn - Silking .....	NA	NA	3	NA
Cotton - Planted .....	46	35	47	50
Hay - 1st Cutting .....	65	57	64	69
Oats - Harvested .....	23	19	24	27
Onions - Harvested .....	94	85	93	93
Peaches - Harvested .....	11	15	18	10
Peanuts - Planted .....	53	42	52	58
Soybeans - Planted .....	35	32	43	37
Soybeans - Emerged .....	22	18	27	21
Winter Wheat - Harvested..	21	22	34	25

(NA) Not Available

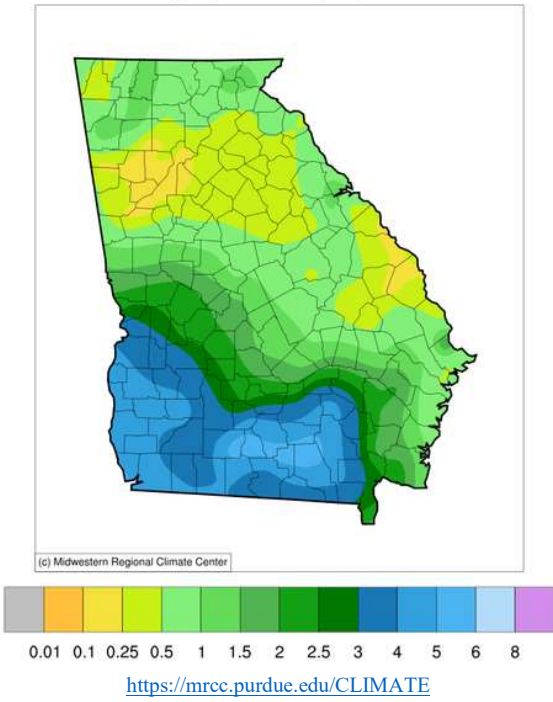
**Conditions for Week Ending 5/19/24**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	21	60	14
Corn .....	1	2	23	63	11
Oats .....	0	3	27	66	4
Pasture and range .....	2	7	26	55	10
Peaches .....	0	0	1	49	50
Winter wheat .....	0	2	29	62	7

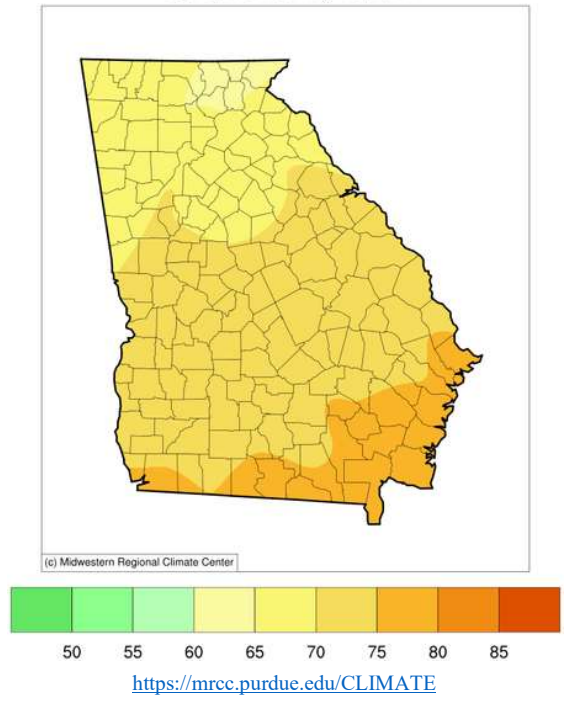
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 5/19/24**

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short .....	7	3
Adequate .....	55	50
Surplus .....	37	46
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short .....	9	4
Adequate .....	62	58
Surplus .....	28	37

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024

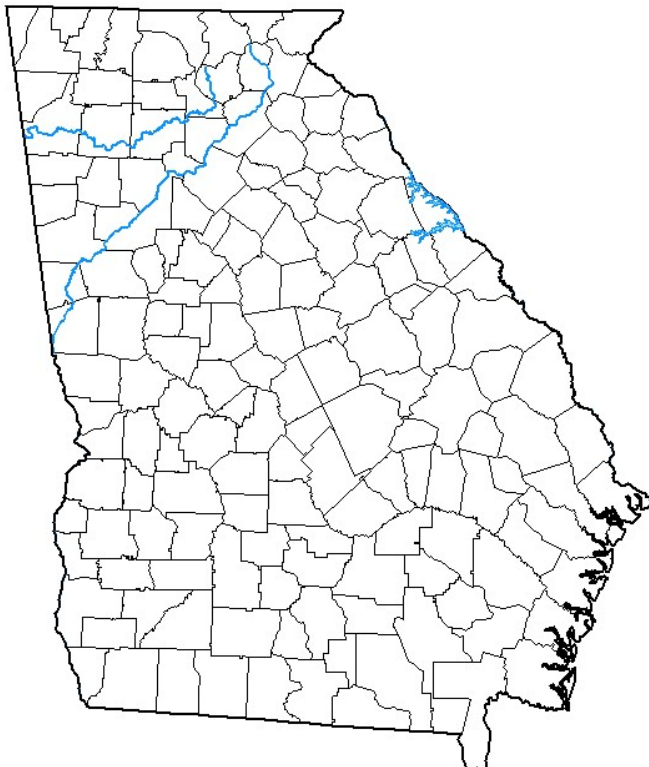


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
May 13, 2024 to May 19, 2024



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**May 14, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, May 16, 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> 05-07-2024	95.32	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-13-2024	96.46	3.54	0.00	0.00	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> 05-16-2023	82.09	17.91	0.00	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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