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Georgia Crop Progress and Condition Report

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 21, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Field prep for tomatoes was nearly complete; planting to begin as soon as weather allows. Many had an excellent first cutting of hay due to ample rainfall this spring.
John Scaduto, Rabun County

First yellow squash and new potatoes were harvested. Strawberries going strong. Second cutting of hay began.
Susan James, Meriwether County

Planting of crops continued even though topsoil moisture was low. Crops being irrigated. Small grain harvesting began. Cattlemen still feeding hay to supplement poor grazing conditions.
Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

The first oats were harvested, and I was really surprised by how good they were. The yield monitor readings were outstanding. Only a few peanut and cotton fields are left to plant. Some cotton was replanted due to skippy stands from cold temperatures two weeks ago and just enough rain to swell the seed but prevent emergence. Peanuts look good other than some Valor and Thimet burn. Earliest planted corn started tasseling and silking. Some common rust was found in corn.
Seth McAllister, Terrell County

We received some much needed rainfall. Cotton and peanuts were planted in most locations, while some producers were waiting on improved soil moisture.
Tony Barnes, Atkinson County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/21/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Blueberries - Harvested	75	70	47	45
Corn - Silking	5	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Planted	60	38	55	57
Hay - 1st Cutting	67	55	74	67
Oats - Harvested	36	12	27	30
Onions - Harvested	96	89	94	83
Peaches - Harvested	14	4	6	19
Peanuts - Planted	72	48	67	63
Rye - Harvested	43	27	30	27
Sorghum - Planted	39	27	33	38
Soybeans - Planted	38	22	34	30
Soybeans - Emerged	19	4	16	NA
Winter wheat - Harvested	24	6	13	20

Conditions for Week Ending 05/21/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	35	52	7
Corn	1	4	21	60	14
Oats	3	13	41	36	7
Pasture and range	4	17	37	36	6
Peaches	5	12	66	17	0
Rye	5	14	44	35	2
Tobacco	1	8	32	49	10
Winter wheat	5	17	42	34	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/21/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	8	7
Short	38	39	30
Adequate	47	52	54
Surplus	2	1	9

Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	10	6
Short	41	40	26
Adequate	47	47	61
Surplus	2	3	7

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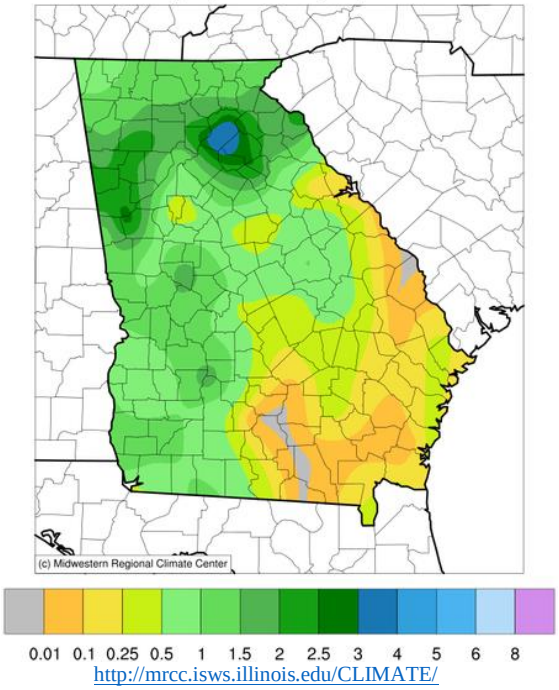
Accumulated Precipitation (in)

May 15, 2017 to May 21, 2017



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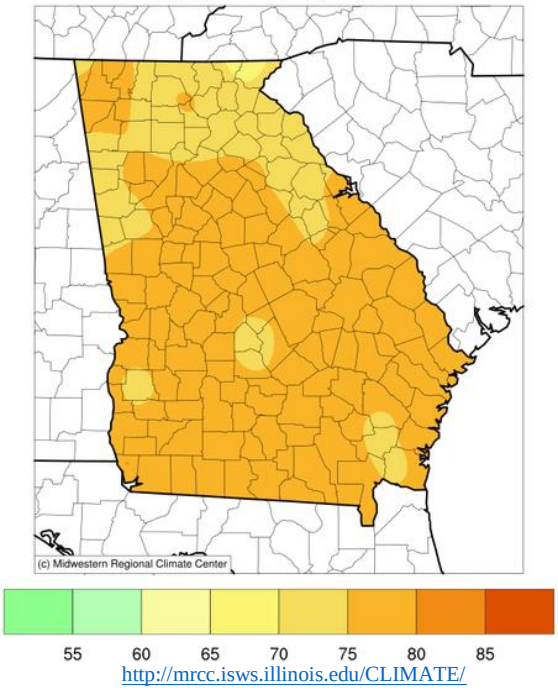
Average Temperature (°F)

May 15, 2017 to May 21, 2017



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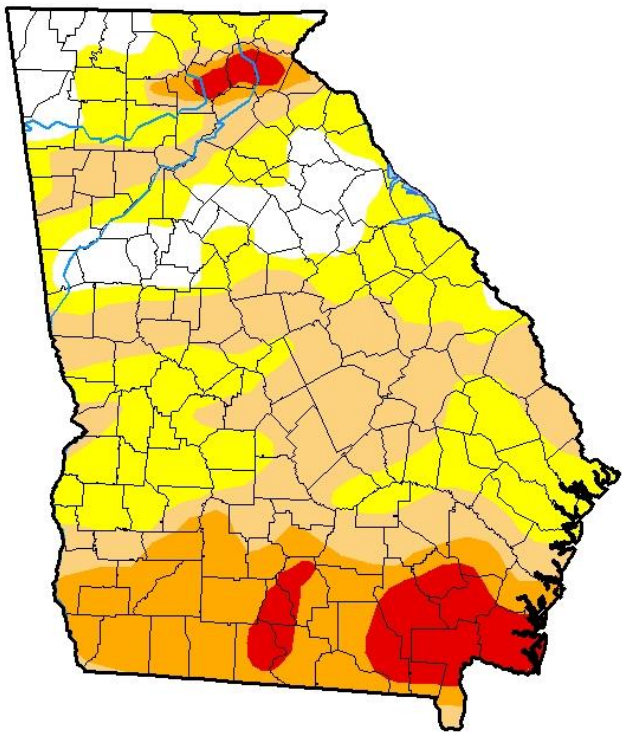
U.S. Drought Monitor

Georgia



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.83	88.17	54.01	23.19	7.21	0.00
Last Week 05-09-2017	11.87	88.13	54.20	23.47	6.24	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-14-2017	63.07	36.93	30.94	19.79	5.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	11.31	88.69	73.48	39.33	19.28	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
One Year Ago 05-17-2016	52.92	47.08	27.04	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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