



# CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION NEWS RELEASE

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## WARMER TEMPERATURES IMPROVED CROP CONDITIONS

The State experienced warm, wet weather this week, according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office. High temperatures averaged from the upper 60's to mid-70's for most of the week with average lows in the high 30's and low 40's. On Sunday, a cold front moved through the State causing the temperature to drop back down into the low 50's. There was heavy rainfall on Thursday which was accompanied by damaging winds, especially in the southwest. Recent rains have filled ponds and streams and suppressed existing deficits. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 4% short, 67% adequate, and 29% surplus.

Warmer temperatures improved crop conditions in pastures and vegetables. Some farmers applied fertilizer to pastures. Small grains continued to do well. The lack of hay and a long winter had livestock producers scrambling for options to provide forage for their animals. Some producers resorted to selling cattle. Apple growers set out insect monitoring traps in the orchards in accordance with the apple growers integrated pest management program.

Farmers in the southern part of the state planned to begin planting corn in 10-12 days with continued warm weather. Other activities included preparing land for spring crops, spreading poultry litter and lime, worming beef cattle and goats, and the routine care of poultry and livestock. County Extension Agents reported an average of 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 03/04/07

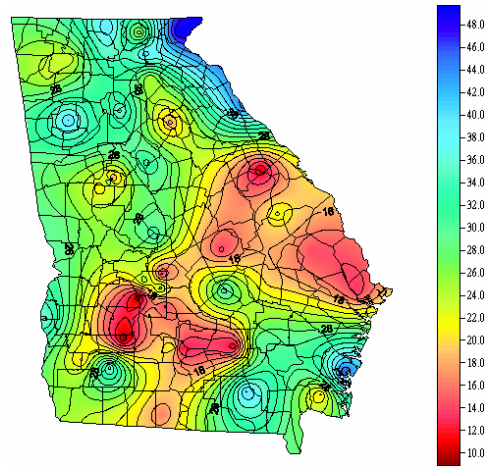
Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Planted	1	NA	1	NA
Winter Wheat Jointing	17	NA	27	NA
Winter Wheat Boot	1	NA	1	NA
Watermelons Planted	0	NA	0	NA

### Crop Condition for Week Ending 03/04/07

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	0	2	24	66	8
Range and Pasture	5	15	45	34	1
Onions	0	8	19	71	2
Peaches	0	6	22	72	0
Vegetables	0	2	45	52	1

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/04/07**

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	NA
Short	4	6	NA
Adequate	67	80	NA
Surplus	29	14	NA



Soil Moisture (%) at 12" Soil Depth

\*Soil Moisture Map is supplied by the Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network (AEMN) and the office of the State Climatologist, University of Georgia. For detailed Georgia weather data, visit the AEMN homepage at [www.georgiaweather.net](http://www.georgiaweather.net).

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 03/04/07, by District**

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	5	85	10
District 2 (NC)	0	1	77	22
District 3 (NE)	0	1	60	39
District 4 (WC)	0	5	75	20
District 5 (C)	0	8	53	39
District 6 (EC)	0	2	74	24
District 7 (SW)	0	1	61	38
District 8 (SC)	0	3	55	42
District 9 (SE)	0	13	80	7

\* A list of the counties in each of the nine Georgia Agricultural Statistics Districts is available at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ga/ctyests/districts.pdf>.

**Pasture Condition for Week Ending 03/04/07, by District**

District	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	22	11	25	42	0
District 2 (NC)	0	4	50	45	1
District 3 (NE)	0	17	52	30	1
District 4 (WC)	0	27	40	32	0
District 5 (C)	15	21	35	29	0
District 6 (EC)	0	7	58	35	0
District 7 (SW)	2	30	31	33	4
District 8 (SC)	4	10	58	28	0
District 9 (SE)	1	4	45	48	2

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**Weather Summary for Week Ending 03/04/07, by Station Location**

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Albany	80	38	58	1.57	2	3.08	10.19	10.33	59
Alma	78	39	59	1.45	3	2.14	5.81	5.96	58
Alpharetta	73	30	49	1.75	1	4.05	8.41	8.41	48
Arlington	80	38	57	2.42	2	4.25	10.28	10.35	58
Attapulgus	80	38	58	0.69	2	1.41	6.46	6.64	61
Blairsville	67	25	45	1.50	1	2.75	6.73	6.73	49
Williamson	73	31	52	2.18	1	3.44	9.26	9.39	52
Bowen	78	38	57	1.05	2	1.93	6.80	6.97	59
Brunswick	80	45	61	1.22	3	2.11	5.83	6.30	62
Byromville	77	38	56	1.24	2	2.11	7.69	7.78	56
Byron	76	37	54	1.22	1	2.70	7.63	8.08	55
Cairo	80	39	59	0.83	2	1.24	6.70	6.85	60
Calhoun	73	27	48	1.08	1	2.05	5.45	5.45	50
Pine Mountain	75	31	52	2.98	1	5.50	11.57	11.61	52
Camilla	80	38	57	2.33	2	3.08	10.22	10.37	59
Clarks Hill	74	32	52	3.34	2	4.73	8.63	8.97	52
Cordele	78	37	56	0.63	2	1.43	6.38	6.53	56
Covington	71	33	52	2.20	1	3.64	8.79	9.22	51
Dahlonega	66	29	48	2.63	1	4.71	9.91	9.91	47
Dallas	74	29	50	1.32	1	2.48	7.18	7.18	49
Dawson	78	33	56	0.54	1	1.68	5.79	5.85	57
Dearing	74	37	54	2.57	2	3.77	7.93	8.12	55
Dempsey	73	31	52	2.18	1	3.23	8.66	9.02	52
Dixie	82	40	60	0.83	2	1.30	7.27	7.49	62
Dublin	77	36	55	0.63	3	1.71	8.24	8.46	56
Duluth	72	30	49	2.58	1	4.55	9.25	9.25	50
Dunwoody	72	29	50	1.75	1	3.73	8.10	8.10	49
Eatonton	74	30	52	2.80	1	4.29	9.30	9.85	52
Elberton	71	33	51	2.70	2	4.98	9.57	10.31	51
Ellijay	67	26	45	1.36	1	2.63	7.25	7.26	47
Rome	74	30	51	0.64	2	1.62	4.68	4.69	50
Fort Valley	76	36	55	0.80	1	1.88	5.36	5.66	55
Gainesville	67	32	49	1.70	1	3.11	6.60	6.60	50
Georgetown	77	35	55	1.25	1	2.97	9.21	9.46	57
Griffin	73	32	52	2.05	1	3.12	8.60	8.99	52
Homerville	80	37	59	1.08	3	2.10	6.71	7.15	61
Jonesboro	74	32	51	2.06	1	2.92	7.98	8.06	51
Jacksonville	75	37	56	2.12	3	2.99	8.36	8.54	55
Lafayette	73	27	49	0.61	1	1.78	5.22	5.22	49
McRae	77	31	54	1.73	3	2.75	8.46	8.57	57
Midville	75	37	55	1.19	2	2.15	7.03	7.20	57
Nahunta	80	37	59	1.83	4	2.89	6.26	6.49	60
Newton	81	37	59	1.74	3	2.58	9.89	9.98	62
Plains	77	41	58	2.25	3	3.52	8.37	8.56	56
Sasser	77	36	56	0.64	2	2.09	7.37	7.51	56
Savannah	80	36	57	1.86	3	2.53	6.41	6.62	60
Skidaway	72	42	58	1.29	4	1.94	4.93	5.06	57
Sneads	80	45	61	1.16	1	1.80	7.04	7.04	59
Statesboro	76	38	56	1.16	3	1.76	7.33	7.39	58
Tifton	78	38	58	1.17	2	1.86	6.63	6.83	57
Tiger	66	27	45	3.80	1	5.72	12.04	12.05	45
Valdosta	81	44	61	0.97	2	2.12	7.36	7.54	60
Vidalia	76	37	57	0.79	2	1.81	8.13	8.19	58
Roopville	75	29	51	0.97	1	1.90	7.43	7.43	53
Watkinsville	70	30	49	0.25	2	2.21	2.21	2.21	51
Woodbine	83	42	61	1.46	3	2.35	6.28	7.07	63

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DISTRICT COMMENTS  
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DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST  
No comments available.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Set out insect monitoring traps in the apple orchards. This will begin a season long scouting program monitoring for Coddling Moth, Oriental Fruit Moth and Tufted Apple Budmoth. This program is part of the apple growers integrated pest management program they have been following for the past 4 years.

Warmer conditions and heavy rain this week - rain total Thursday near 2.75 inches - major activities include routine care of livestock and poultry and some pasture fertilization in early week.

Rain...short hay....cattle sales resulting.

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

Recent rainfall and warm weather should get things growing. The lack of hay and a long winter have producers scrambling for options to provide forage for their animals.

Four -five inches of rain throughout county on Thursday.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

We received 2.4 inches of rain, some minor wind damage to structures and some scattered trees blown over.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

Very heavy rains and severe weather on Thursday and Thursday night. Small grains continue to look good and heavy hay feeding continues for livestock. Hay supplies getting critically short.

We have gotten our share of very wet weather recently which should suppress any deficits that were existing.

No storm damage in the county. Fertilization of small grains ending. Ponds and streams filling up from recent rains. Thoughts turning to corn planting.

The southern portion of the county received 4 inches of rain or more. Some places experienced damaging winds on Thursday.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

Wheat coming on fast, corn planting will be in earnest in 10-12 days if weather continues warm.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

We received 0.84" of rainfall.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Preparing land to plant. Spreading poultry litter and lime. Applying herbicides to wheat. Tobacco transplants in greenhouse look good. Worming beef cattle and goats. Got almost 3" of rain in last two days. No damage from bad weather reported.

Warmer temperatures have improved crop conditions in pastures and vegetables. Winter grazing has also benefitted from the warmer temperatures.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

On Thursday 1.5 inches of rain fell on most of the county.