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WET CONDITIONS

The state experienced wet conditions during the week, according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office. Daily average high temperatures ranged from the upper 60's to upper 70's. Average lows were in the 50's most of the week. Soil moisture conditions were rated at 0% very short, 4% short, 63% adequate, and 33% surplus.

Rain slowed field work and many growers were waiting for fields to dry out to continue harvest. Some producers were unable to harvest their last cutting of hay due to wetness. Cotton, soybeans and peanut harvest are still behind. In some areas, cotton and soybeans quality has suffered from high moisture.

Other activities included planting winter grazing and small grains. County Extension Agents reported an average of 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/01/09*

Crop Stage	This Week	Prev Week	Prev Year	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	94	88	93	93
Soybeans Harvested	18	12	26	26
Sorghum Harvested	47	41	72	64
Cotton Harvested	22	15	44	50
Winter Wheat Planted	21	16	15	18
Winter Wheat Emerged	10	6	7	8
Apples Harvested	71	62	52	77
Peanuts Dug	77	65	90	90
Peanuts Combined	55	44	79	77
Pecans Harvested	18	11	17	16
Rye Planted	61	53	50	55
Other Small Grains Planted	51	43	45	48

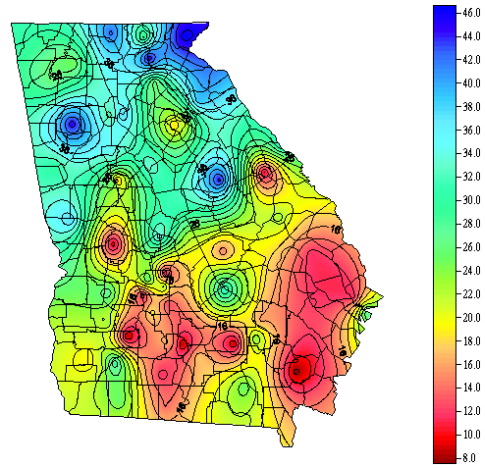
*Harvest progress covers intended acres to be harvested.

Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/01/09

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Soybeans	1	8	31	50	10
Sorghum	1	7	46	44	2
Cotton	2	10	37	42	9
Range and Pasture	2	8	38	46	6
Hay	2	18	42	34	4
Peanuts	1	4	28	49	18
Pecans	1	5	36	45	13

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 11/01/09

	This Week	Previous Week	5 Year Avg
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	12
Short	4	7	31
Adequate	63	72	53
Surplus	33	21	3



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.

Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending 11/01/09, by District

District	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
District 1 (NW)	0	0	55	45
District 2 (NC)	0	0	62	38
District 3 (NE)	0	8	67	25
District 4 (WC)	0	1	49	50
District 5 (C)	0	3	34	63
District 6 (EC)	0	0	78	22
District 7 (SW)	0	4	68	28
District 8 (SC)	0	6	84	10
District 9 (SE)	0	16	79	5

* A list of the counties in each of the nine Georgia Agricultural Statistics Districts is available at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Georgia/Publications/County_Estimates/index.asp.

Pasture Condition for Week Ending 11/01/09, 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)	9	13	39	38	1
District 2 (NC)	0	3	15	68	14
District 3 (NE)	1	4	28	59	8
District 4 (WC)	0	20	49	29	2
District 5 (C)	5	15	24	40	16
District 6 (EC)	0	0	33	67	0
District 7 (SW)	0	4	38	53	5
District 8 (SC)	0	4	65	30	1
District 9 (SE)	0	2	31	64	3

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Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/01/09, by Station Location

Location	Temperature			Precipitation					Soil Temp
	Max	Min	Avg	Weekly	Days	30 Day	60 Day	Season	
Alapaha	78	59	69	0.40	1	3.52	4.63	42.75	71
Albany	77	59	68	1.28	3	4.65	5.46	48.96	71
Alma	79	61	70	0.34	5	3.50	5.32	46.55	71
Alpharetta	66	50	58	2.85	4	10.84	24.40	59.95	59
Arabi	76	57	66	0.72	3	4.87	9.02	49.70	69
Arlington	77	57	67	1.32	2	3.74	6.56	50.51	68
Atlanta	67	52	60	1.88	4	6.46	20.10	55.12	NA
Attapulgus	78	59	68	0.75	3	2.25	5.32	43.42	73
Baxley	77	58	68	0.11	5	3.35	6.06	44.83	71
Blue Ridge	66	47	56	2.30	5	7.86	19.22	58.65	55
Brunswick	81	65	73	0.12	2	1.95	3.21	50.97	75
Byromville	74	55	65	1.64	3	8.05	16.18	49.17	67
Byron	73	54	63	2.17	3	6.79	15.68	48.59	66
Cairo	78	60	69	0.95	2	3.01	6.31	42.93	72
Calhoun	66	46	56	1.92	3	8.96	15.07	50.66	60
Cordele	75	56	66	1.43	4	5.21	12.26	46.67	67
Covington	66	48	57	1.99	3	7.93	13.15	48.92	62
Dahlonega	65	49	57	3.32	4	9.22	24.54	64.56	58
Dallas	67	50	58	2.27	6	8.97	25.12	57.87	61
Danielsville	67	51	59	2.08	4	10.88	19.96	50.14	63
Dawson	75	56	65	1.91	2	7.34	9.70	51.31	69
Dearing	72	55	63	2.38	3	6.54	12.45	46.64	65
Dixie	80	61	70	0.71	3	3.24	5.92	40.26	73
Dublin	74	57	66	1.48	3	7.12	13.82	42.00	69
Dunwoody	66	50	58	2.52	4	10.45	24.09	59.53	61
Eatonton	70	52	61	2.96	5	8.91	23.44	59.77	63
Elberton	70	53	61	1.78	4	9.22	14.47	48.57	64
Ellijay	66	46	56	2.27	5	8.35	21.25	57.02	59
Gainesville	66	51	59	1.43	4	6.66	19.56	54.80	61
Georgetown	73	56	64	1.65	2	4.21	7.09	55.55	66
Griffin	69	51	60	2.94	4	8.81	12.05	46.31	63
Hatley	75	56	65	0.87	3	5.39	11.89	44.83	68
Homerville	81	61	71	0.69	4	2.87	4.50	47.51	72
Jeffersonville	72	53	63	2.38	4	7.33	14.05	45.89	66
Johns Creek	68	51	59	2.54	4	10.66	26.25	63.07	62
Jonesboro	68	52	60	3.43	5	8.47	14.37	50.91	62
Lake Seminole	75	63	69	0.26	3	1.49	4.56	41.05	69
Midville	73	57	65	1.57	3	3.68	7.42	43.74	68
Moultrie	77	60	69	0.31	2	6.35	7.21	47.56	70
Nahunta	82	61	72	0.50	2	1.70	2.20	47.17	74
Newton	79	59	69	1.31	2	4.35	8.16	52.37	71
Odum	78	60	69	0.46	2	3.94	6.71	49.09	72
Ossabaw	78	63	70	0.12	2	2.80	3.56	53.02	72
Pine Mountain	70	52	61	2.30	3	9.30	13.38	52.42	63
Roopville	69	50	60	1.97	5	8.78	17.90	49.76	62
Rome	68	49	58	1.65	4	9.66	17.67	60.86	61
Sasser	75	56	66	0.94	2	5.79	7.68	46.01	68
Savannah	79	61	70	0.02	1	3.45	6.02	51.59	72
Shellman	74	57	65	1.75	2	5.85	8.86	48.56	67
Skidaway	76	62	69	0.13	2	2.81	3.99	48.13	70
Sparta	70	53	61	2.16	4	6.51	24.40	57.56	64
Statesboro	75	58	66	0.27	2	4.22	7.50	35.21	70
Tennille	72	54	63	2.61	5	5.96	13.27	53.96	65
Tifton	77	59	68	0.56	3	4.03	5.10	49.34	69
Tiger	65	46	55	3.26	4	10.21	25.76	68.15	58
Unadilla	73	54	64	1.92	4	6.75	14.99	46.73	67
Valdosta	80	63	71	0.33	4	2.07	4.59	42.47	72
Vienna	75	55	65	1.58	4	5.72	9.90	45.93	68
Vidalia	76	59	67	0.26	4	4.74	15.30	57.11	70
Wat-UGA	66	52	59	1.94	3	8.98	19.71	50.14	61
Williamson	69	51	60	3.02	4	9.23	12.90	46.67	62
Woodbine	83	63	73	0.16	1	1.10	2.66	46.47	75

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DISTRICT COMMENTS

November 1, 2009

DISTRICT 1 - NORTHWEST

We received 2.3 inches of rain last week.

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH CENTRAL

Additional rain slowed field work this week

DISTRICT 3 - NORTHEAST

Too much rain to dry last hay cutting.

DISTRICT 4 - WEST CENTRAL

Wet conditions slowed harvest to a standstill.

DISTRICT 5 - CENTRAL

We have been very wet over the past 7 days. We received .02 inches of rainfall on Oct. 24, 1.83 on Oct. 27 and .02 on Oct. 28. Field work has slowed to a crawl as the drying out process continues.

Rains hampered harvest and fall planting operations.

DISTRICT 6 - EAST CENTRAL

We're having a time getting harvested this year. After drying from last weekend's rain, we got a few days for harvest before another cloudy day Friday and another inch of rain Saturday night. With only about 4 good hours to harvest on a good day, and not many of those, we are way behind. November weather is very unpredictable and the time change shortens harvest time. Growers are beyond thinking about a late harvest and just hoping to get this crop out of the field at all. We're beginning to rot some soybeans and cotton quality has taken a beating. Peanut yields and grades are great but a large part of the crop has been inverted for 10 days, suffering through two rain events and still running high moisture. We just can't seem to catch more than 3 days in a row of sunny weather.

DISTRICT 7 - SOUTHWEST

Peanut vines have been too moist to harvest.

DISTRICT 8 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Wet week has delayed cotton harvest and peanut digging and harvest. Cotton yields going about 2+ bales per acre. Peanuts avg. fair to good grades with probable yields of 2 tons to 3500 or so. No hay cutting. Need some good sunny and warm harvest weather.

This past week has been wet, with very poor harvest condition for growers. We need some good dry weather for our growers to get back on tract with harvesting fall row crop. The cool weather reduce yield on vegetables and diseases was bad on some growers.

DISTRICT 9 - SOUTHEAST

No comments available.