



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 2, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 4% very short, 24% short, 63% adequate, 9% surplus. Subsoil moisture 8% very short, 35% short, 52% adequate, 5% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70's to the low 90's. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60's to the mid 70's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Harvested	77	66	85	63
Cotton – Bolls Opening	41	22	46	32
Hay – 3 rd Cutting	27	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peanuts – Dug	3	2	1	1
Peanuts – Harvested	2	2	N/A	N/A
Sorghum – Harvested	12	10	16	14
Tobacco – Harvested	84	75	74	77

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	2	8	36	42	12
Peanuts	0	3	27	54	16
Pecans	0	2	35	47	16
Range and Pasture	2	8	39	47	4
Sorghum	4	8	46	40	2
Soybeans	1	6	29	51	13

VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

County Extension Comments

“Soybean producers are spraying for soybean rust and some insects. A few early peanuts were dug last week. A couple of dryland cotton fields may be defoliated this week.”

Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40

“It took all week but most everyone got 1"+ in rain during a week you didn't want to put hay down. Soybeans look real good.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Welcome rains but slowing farm work; insect and disease pressure rising.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Frequent rains continue to hamper the completion of corn harvest. Cotton, peanuts and soybeans look good. Producers are continuing to spray for a variety of caterpillar pests across crops as well as stink bugs.”

Peyton Sapp, Burke County, District 60

“We have had plenty of rain everywhere except the northern 15% of Grady County.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

“Hurricane has stopped corn harvest. Wet and soggy.”

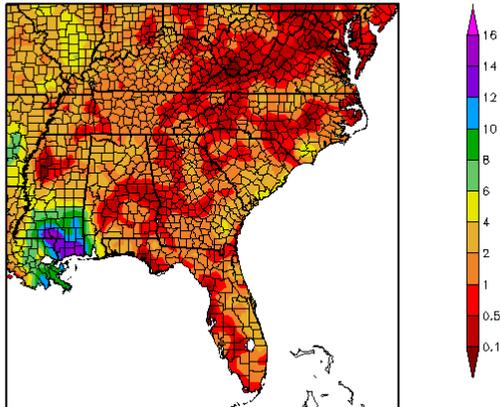
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

“Corn planted behind watermelons in V5 - V10 stage. Cotton potential looks good however target spot very evident. Peanuts look promising and some fields to be dug probably next week.”

Tucker Price, Cook County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

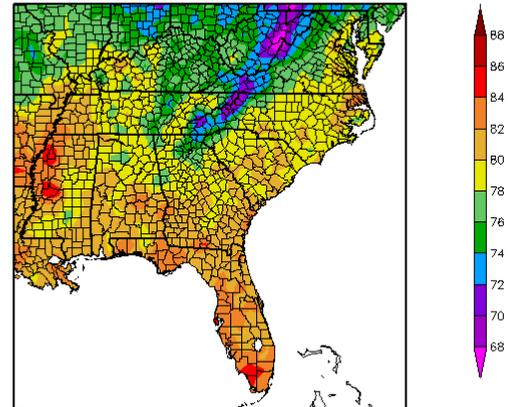
Precipitation (in)
8/28/2012 - 9/3/2012



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

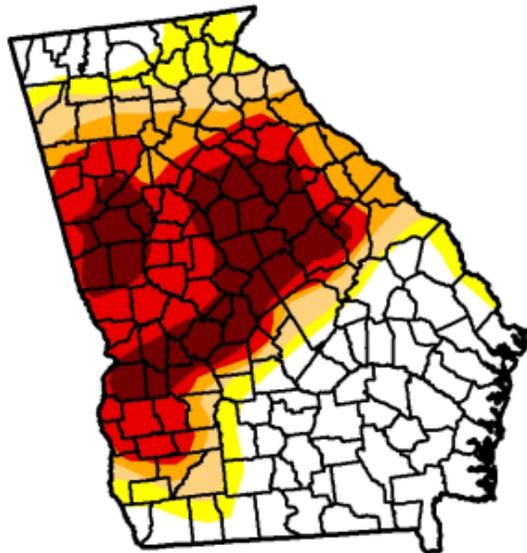
August 28, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.76	62.24	52.85	44.03	34.36	16.88
Last Week (08/21/2012 map)	31.03	68.97	57.36	45.36	37.67	16.98
3 Months Ago (05/29/2012 map)	7.54	92.46	83.61	75.12	58.37	26.92
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	12.07	87.93	85.36	81.00	63.92	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	0.00
One Year Ago (08/23/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	92.73	81.31	52.11	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!