



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 21, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 29% very short, 40% short, 31% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 24% very short, 47% short, 29% adequate, and 0% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 3.0 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn - Harvested	57	32	45	30
Cotton - Squaring	98	94	100	100
Cotton - Setting Bolls	90	84	98	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening	13	7	28	13
Hay - Second Cutting	85	79	N/A	N/A
Peanuts - Pegging	99	96	100	99
Sorghum - Harvested	9	7	16	11
Tobacco - Harvested	58	45	65	64

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Corn	14	14	29	27	16
Cotton	9	18	37	29	7
Hay	12	32	38	16	2
Pasture & Range	14	37	34	13	2
Peanuts	3	11	42	33	11
Pecans	4	14	47	26	9
Sorghum	6	19	50	23	2
Soybeans	6	21	45	23	5

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

County Extension Comments

"We are getting extremely dry. I think the northern part of Gordon County got much needed rain yesterday but that was all. Hot and dry. Pastures are in bad shape. Need rain to get third cutting of hayfields before October."

Greg Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

"Spotty rain showers have led to highly variable field conditions. Harvest of vineyards and corn silage should start next week."

Greg Sheppard, Lumpkin County, District 20

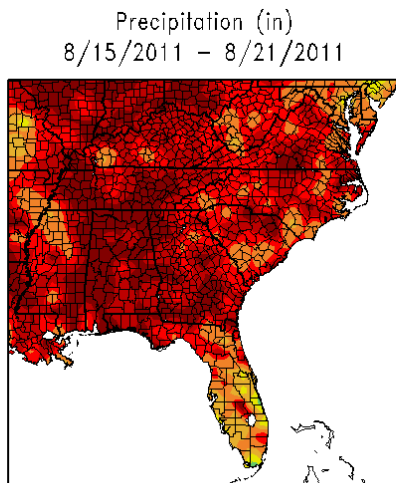
"Although rains received in the month of July and early August promoted good crops in the county, subsurface moisture levels have rapidly dropped over the last three to four weeks plunged the county back into drought conditions. Many surface water sources have dried up, but deep wells in many instances have delivered adequate water to corn crops."

Duster Haddock, Randolph County, District 70

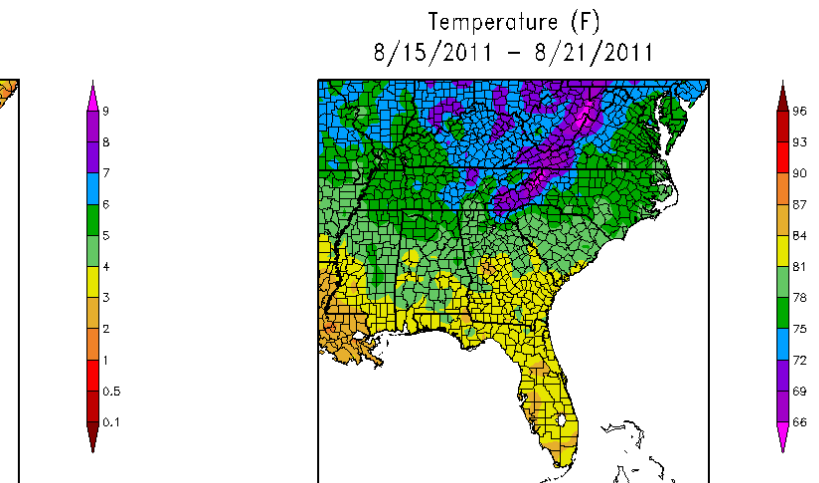
"Hot and dry. Great for hay cutting and baling. Farmers irrigated crops if possible. Dry land fields need rain! Cotton fields are stressing and nematodes are showing up and Potassium deficiency. Peanut crop looks good but too early to tell. Cotton across the county is from A to Z. May average 750 pounds across the board. Corn yields are good despite the poor growing season. Need rain and time for most of our crop."

Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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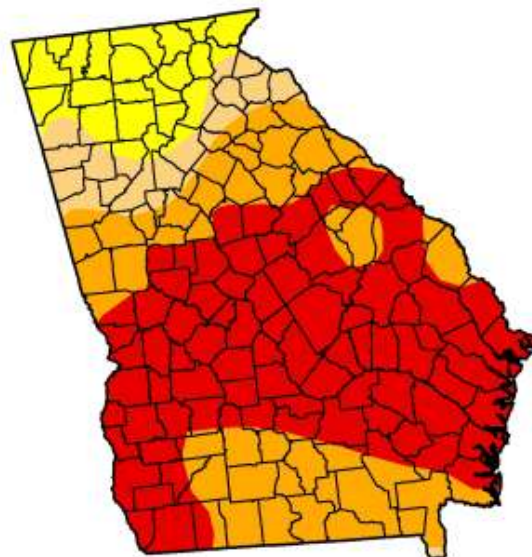
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.07	99.93	88.01	79.91	51.32	0.00
Last Week (08/09/2011 map)	0.07	99.93	88.01	80.01	66.29	4.34
3 Months Ago (05/17/2011 map)	12.06	87.94	77.09	64.91	10.22	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	4.80	95.20	39.24	5.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (08/10/2010 map)	46.10	53.90	10.10	0.00	0.00	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.

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