



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, September 18, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 38% very short, 41% short, 21% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 42% very short, 40% short, 18% adequate, and 0% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the mid 60s to the upper 70s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn - Harvested	96	92	94	87
Cotton - Bolls Opening	74	66	83	63
Cotton - Harvested	3	2	6	3
Oats - Planted	1	N/A	2	3
Peanuts - Dug	9	3	11	7
Peanuts - Harvested	2	1	5	3
Rye - Planted	2	N/A	2	4
Sorghum - Harvested	27	22	22	27
Tobacco - Harvested	91	83	95	94
Winter Wheat – Planted	1	N/A	0	0

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	13	22	37	25	3
Hay	21	37	35	6	1
Pasture & Range	23	40	31	5	1
Peanuts	8	17	43	26	6
Pecans	5	18	40	30	7
Sorghum	12	18	53	15	2
Soybeans	14	22	41	20	3

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

County Extension Comments

“Too dry to plant; no grass to bale; soybeans fading; hay stocks dwindling.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Started digging peanuts last week. Dryland peanuts are turning loose in the hull. It is going to be difficult at best to dig until we get a rain. Started picking dryland early planted cotton. Yields look fairly good considering the season we have had. Pastures and hayfields are dry. Hay is in short supply. Some people baling anything they can find for filler.”

Brent Allen, Johnson County, District 50

Another dry week. Several non-irrigated peanut fields being turned over to insurance or grading Seg 3 due to A. flavus. Dryland cotton is actually a pleasant surprise with many fields capable of yielding a bale/A. However, many fields remain very disappointing and estimating 'bolls open' is tough because late-planted, dryland cotton has immature bolls that may never open. Fields of late soybeans without pods - considering baling. Dryland peanut hay isn't yielding much and we were counting on peanut hay since we don't have anything else. Some are baling corn stalks and brown-top millet after combining. No grass to speak of.”

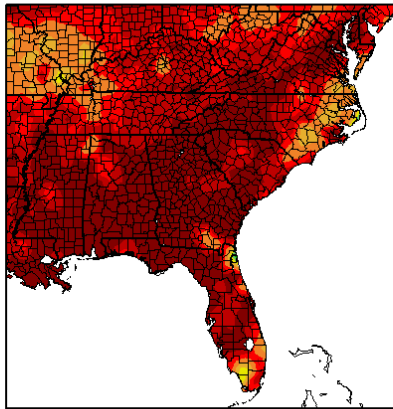
Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

“Without rainfall ASAP, we will be digging most dryland peanuts early and next week and dryland cotton is suffering. Digging peanuts and Defoliating cotton mostly going on and getting peanut equipment ready for harvest. Hay field need rain soon in order to get another cutting. Late planted cotton fields need rain and good weather in order to make a crop. Cool and dry is the norm.”

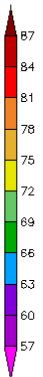
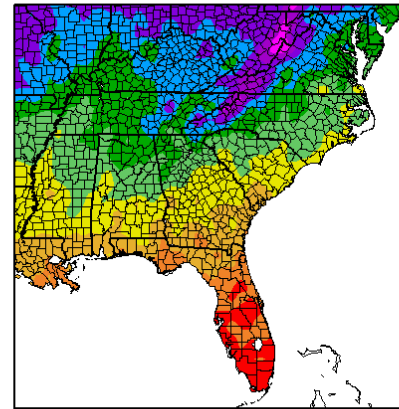
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)
9/12/2011 - 9/18/2011



Temperature (F)
9/12/2011 - 9/18/2011



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

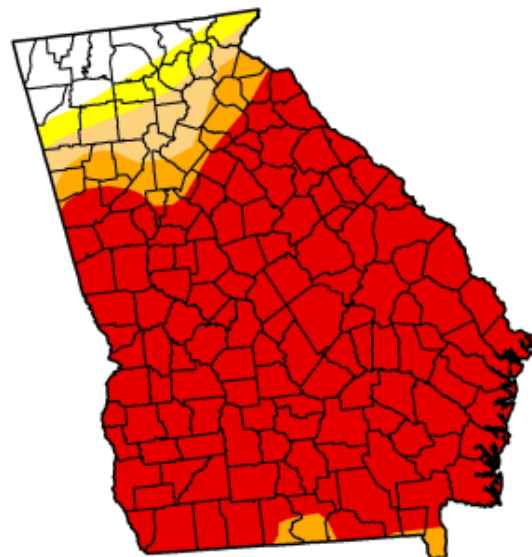
September 13, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.35	94.65	91.22	86.43	80.42	0.00
Last Week (09/06/2011 map)	5.35	94.65	91.23	86.43	80.42	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/14/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	81.28	71.88	57.33	15.98
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 (09/07/2010 map)	53.52	46.48	10.01	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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