



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, October 9, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 22% very short, 48% short, 30% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 32% very short, 44% short, 23% adequate, and 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 2 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the upper 50s to the upper 70s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton - Bolls Opening	91	88	96	88
Cotton - Harvested	21	10	25	16
Hay - Third Cutting	56	40	N/A	N/A
Oats - Planted	17	9	18	19
Peanuts - Dug	54	33	47	41
Peanuts - Harvested	38	19	32	27
Pecans – Harvested*	5	2	3	2
Rye - Planted	21	12	18	24
Sorghum - Harvested	35	31	40	41
Soybeans - Harvested	7	3	5	4
Winter Wheat - Planted	11	6	6	5

*Harvest reflects acres to be harvested

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	8	19	37	28	8
Hay	16	34	39	10	1
Pasture & Range	14	39	37	9	1
Peanuts	4	15	41	28	12
Pecans	4	17	43	28	8
Sorghum	9	21	50	18	2
Soybeans	8	22	43	24	3

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

County Extension Comments

"Much cooler night temps during this time period. Daytime temps between 70-80 degrees F."

Mary Sheffield, Paulding County, District 10

"Cotton defoliation continues as well as cotton harvesting. Soybeans are beginning to yellow and drop leaves as they mature. Dryland peanuts yields are poor. Haying and planting winter grazing continues for livestock producers."

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

Harvest moving along well with clear, dry weather. Dry land peanuts continue to be really bad with many going under one ton and lots of loads of Seg III. Irrigated cotton is a bright spot with yields over 2 bales all the way to just over 3 bales. Dry land isn't quite as bad as thought but not good either. Need more rain to sustain winter pasture planted last week. Dryland soybeans may be at the end of the road in this county if commodity prices stay like they are and we switch to more sorghum.

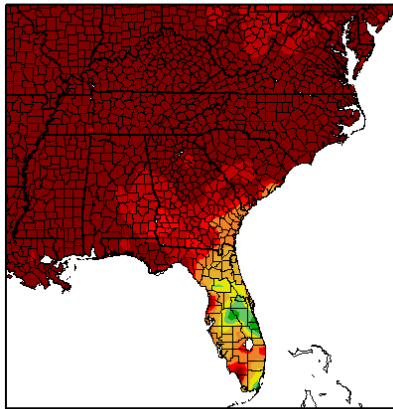
Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

"Been a great week for farm work and harvesting. Been real surprised with cotton and peanut yields and grades despite the drought and heat we encountered. We are getting dry and hopefully we will get some rain in order to continue planting small grains for grazing. A lot of peanut hay being put up for feeding livestock this year due to shortage of grass hay."

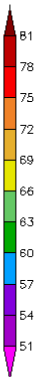
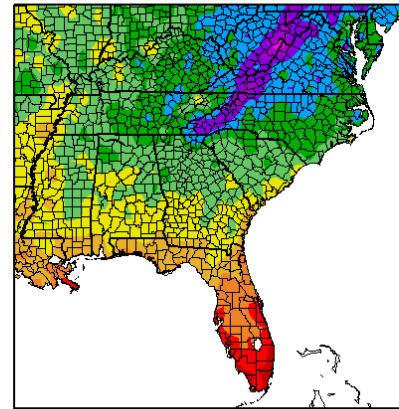
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)
10/4/2011 - 10/10/2011



Temperature (F)
10/4/2011 - 10/10/2011



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

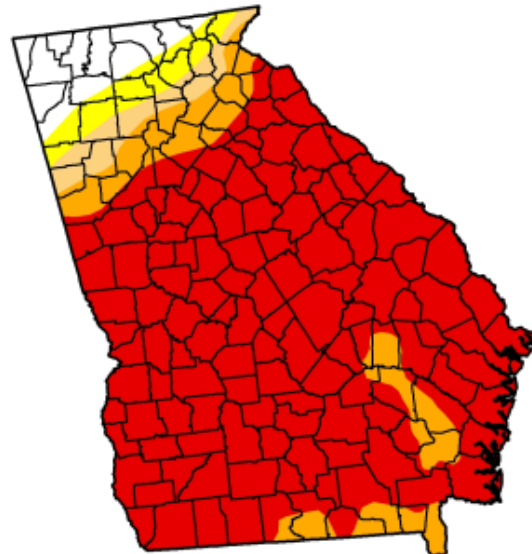
October 4, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.59	94.41	90.93	87.59	77.63	0.00
Last Week (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/05/2011 map)	2.58	97.42	85.51	74.91	68.91	40.45
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	0.00
One Year Ago (09/28/2010 map)	4.80	95.20	39.24	5.11	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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