



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 30, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 11% very short, 35% short, 52% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 18% very short, 36% short, 45% adequate, and 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 1 inch. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 50s to the mid 60s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton - Harvested	51	37	61	43
Hay - Third Cutting	82	72	N/A	N/A
Oats - Planted	45	38	50	48
Onions - Transplanted	4	N/A	0	0
Peanuts - Dug	86	77	89	82
Peanuts - Harvested	77	60	75	66
Pecans - Harvested*	20	14	15	15
Rye - Planted	51	45	49	54
Sorghum - Harvested	46	38	55	57
Soybeans - Harvested	27	20	25	23
Winter Wheat - Planted	22	17	15	17

*Harvest reflects acres to be harvested

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	8	17	37	29	9
Pasture & Range	10	32	45	11	2
Pecans	4	16	43	29	8
Sorghum	7	18	46	23	6
Soybeans	12	22	41	21	4

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

County Extension Comments

"Rainfall needed to help fall forages emerge and take hold."

Steven Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

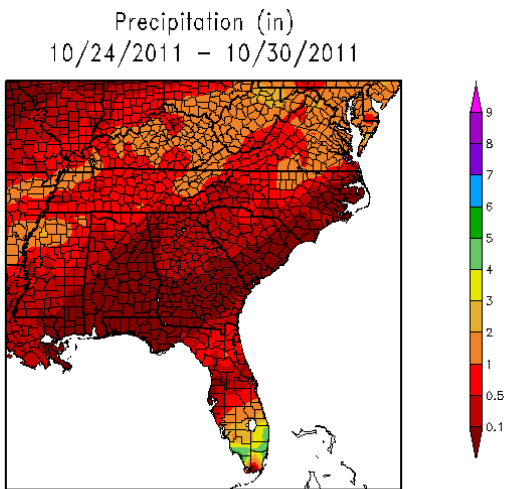
"Cotton farmers were busy defoliating and picking cotton. The last few hay fields were harvested this week. The snap beans fields have all been harvested now. Peanut farmers are still trying to get their fields harvested."

Mike Hayes, Wheeler County, District 50

"Fields of cotton and peanuts that suffered the worst from drought weren't just bad, they were really disappointing, especially in the case of peanuts. Cotton, both dry land and irrigated continues to be a pleasant surprise in most cases. That is one tough plant to do what it's done in the year we had. As much as the peanut hay is needed, cattlemen are hampered by logistics...not equipped to haul a lot of bales very far. Last of the grass hay has been cut/baled, what little there was. Rains have helped get winter pasture to the point of getting top-dressed. Late soybeans and cotton still have leaves so we'll probably still be harvesting up to Thanksgiving."

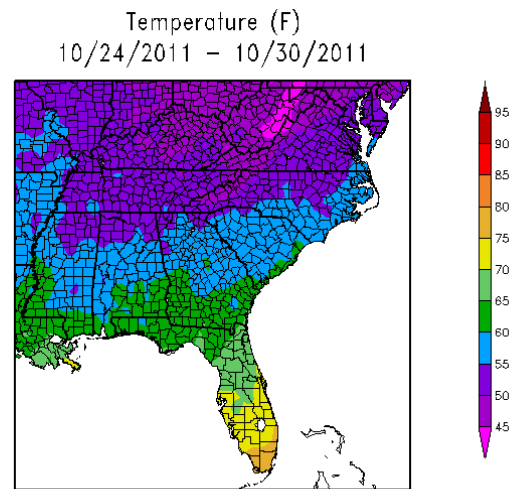
Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

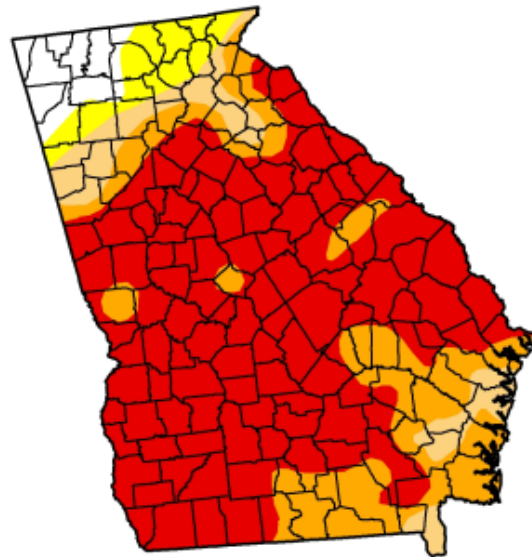
October 18, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.54	95.46	90.70	83.33	64.50	0.00
Last Week (10/11/2011 map)	4.17	95.83	90.93	86.32	73.27	0.00
3 Months Ago (07/19/2011 map)	5.17	94.83	82.96	75.00	68.38	8.74
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 (10/12/2010 map)	10.99	89.01	37.25	4.04	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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