



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 22, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 7% very short, 37% short, 51% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture 15% very short, 42% short, 42% adequate, 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80's to the mid 90's. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60's to the mid 70's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton – Squaring	93	91	77	85
Cotton – Setting Bolls	67	59	47	50
Hay – 2 nd Cutting	62	48	39	N/A
Peanuts – Blooming	93	91	88	90
Peanuts – Pegging	82	73	67	74
Tobacco – Harvested	24	23	28	21
Watermelons – Harvested	98	93	99	93

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Corn	1	7	23	50	19
Cotton	0	6	36	46	12
Peanuts	0	5	29	50	16
Range and Pasture	3	18	47	30	2
Sorghum	1	6	38	47	8
Soybeans	1	8	37	48	6
Tobacco	2	9	25	49	15

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

County Extension Comments

“Those who got up the second cutting of hay before the rain are headed for a good third cutting. Much of the second cutting is still on the ground and has been rained on several times with evening storms. Those who have not cut the second cutting may not have as good a third cutting as time may be running out.”

Frank Hancock, Henry County, District 40

“Recent rains have really turned our drought conditions around. Most of the county has gotten frequent beneficial rains since the first week of July and grazing and hay pastures have really responded well. Fall armyworms have also shown up this week and threaten many of our pastures and hayfields. The downside of the frequent rains has put a damper on the harvesting of hay. Some of the second cutting has been ruined that was already on the ground.”

John H. Pope, Monroe County, District 50

“Crops are progressing nicely; currently there are no unusual conditions.”

Mitchell May, Decatur County, District 70

“Scattered showers this week has keep soil moisture in most of Southwest Georgia in good shape.”

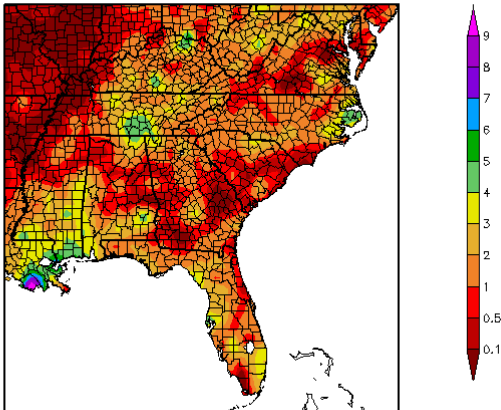
Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

“Getting much needed rainfall. Corn almost made. Peanut and cotton crop look great at this point. Most farmers are interested in the high commodity prices and wondering whether to contract or wait till harvest and discussing plans for booking next year's crop. Tobacco looks good. Worried high corn prices will affect our poultry growers and beef cattle producers and consumers as well.”

Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

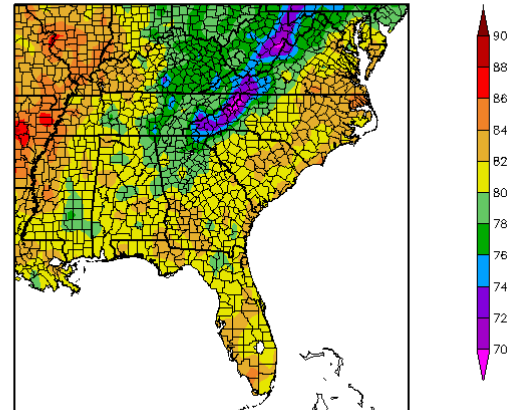
Precipitation (in)
7/16/2012 - 7/22/2012



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Temperature (F)
7/16/2012 - 7/22/2012



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

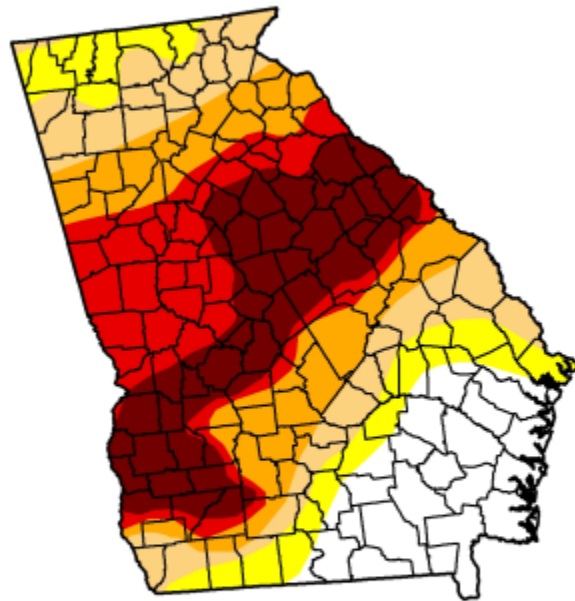
July 17, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.09	82.91	71.46	55.40	37.90	21.19
Last Week (07/10/2012 map)	12.29	87.71	75.71	59.14	38.44	21.73
3 Months Ago (04/17/2012 map)	4.39	95.61	84.94	79.01	66.35	20.15
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 (07/12/2011 map)	3.27	96.73	85.37	75.00	68.79	35.52

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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