



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 9, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 2% very short, 19% short, 69% adequate, 10% surplus. Subsoil moisture 8% very short, 35% short, 53% adequate, 4% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70's to the low 90's. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60's to the mid 70's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Harvested	82	77	91	75
Cotton – Bolls Opening	48	41	62	46
Hay – 3 rd Cutting	41	27	N/A	N/A
Peanuts – Dug	5	3	2	2
Peanuts – Harvested	3	2	1	0
Sorghum – Harvested	24	12	21	18
Tobacco – Harvested	88	84	81	85

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	1	7	36	46	10
Peanuts	0	3	25	55	17
Pecans	1	3	39	41	16
Range and Pasture	1	9	35	49	6
Sorghum	3	6	34	51	6
Soybeans	1	6	27	52	14

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

County Extension Comments

"We are still doing good on soil moisture. Probably receiving 1-2 rains per week."

Greg Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

"Peanuts being dug; corn continuing to be harvested; haying continues; group 6 soybeans at full pod; cotton defoliation starting soon."

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

"Grass is growing well due to recent rains. Rains have hampered hay harvest. Fall armyworms continue to be a pest."

John Pope, Monroe County, District 50

"Rain showers continue to impact field work. Target spot has become a problem in some cotton. Beginning to see the loss of nutrient and/or heavier, wet soils in some cotton fields. Also seeing the effects of poor nodulation in peanuts."

Peyton Sapp, Burke County, District 60

"Farmers are waiting for soils to dry to dig peanuts."

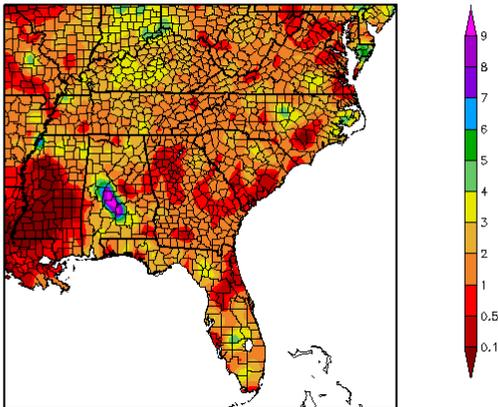
Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70

"Too wet to get into the fields to work. Daily showers have delayed corn harvest and peanuts need digging. Cotton crop declining due to wet weather due to boll rot. In general, we have received too much rain!"

Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

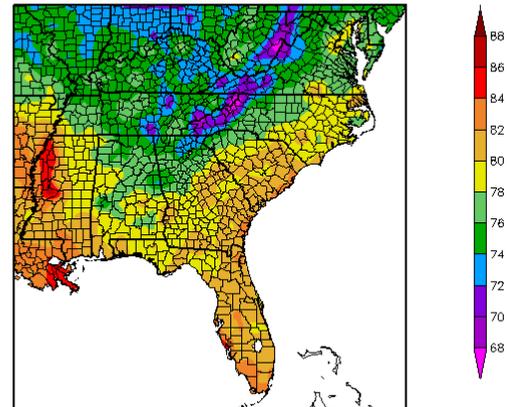
Precipitation (in)
9/3/2012 - 9/9/2012



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

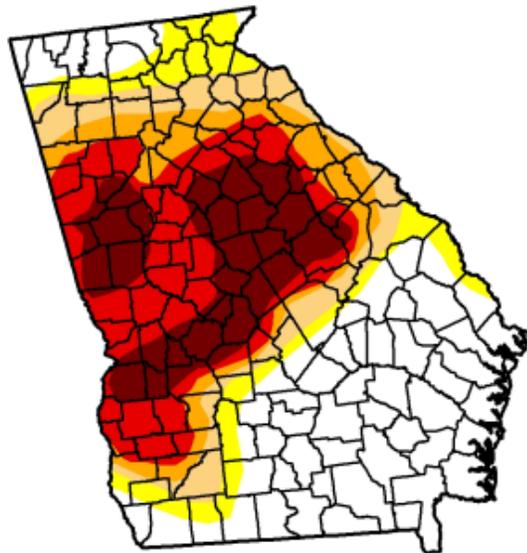
September 4, 2012
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.07	61.93	52.44	42.66	33.74	16.88
Last Week (08/28/2012 map)	37.76	62.24	52.85	44.03	34.36	16.88
3 Months Ago (06/05/2012 map)	10.49	89.51	82.65	68.45	49.97	26.43
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 (08/30/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	99.99	90.82	79.64	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.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!