



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**General:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 23, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 6% very short, 23% short, 66% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture 9% very short, 36% short, 52% adequate, 3% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70's to the high 80's. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50's to the high 60's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn – Harvested	94	91	99	92
Cotton – Bolls Opening	78	67	76	68
Cotton – Harvested	4	3	5	4
Hay – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	71	57	N/A	N/A
Oats – Planted	5	2	5	4
Peanuts – Dug	20	14	15	12
Peanuts – Harvested	12	8	6	6
Pecans – Harvested	1	N/A	1	N/A
Rye – Planted	6	2	5	6
Sorghum – Harvested	27	26	28	27
Soybeans – Harvested	1	N/A	1	0
Tobacco – Harvested	95	90	92	95
Winter Wheat – Planted	1	1	3	1

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	3	9	32	46	10
Peanuts	1	4	20	54	21
Pecans	1	3	30	46	20
Range and Pasture	2	10	35	49	4
Sorghum	3	5	37	47	8
Soybeans	1	6	28	55	10

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

## County Extension Comments

“Starting to plant winter annual pastures, corn harvest is done. Some soybean fields are starting to drop leaves. Getting dry, need some rain.”

**Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40**

“Scattered rains occurred in the county this week; peanut harvest moving along; cotton opening nicely; cotton defoliation should begin soon; early planted soybeans dropping leaves.”

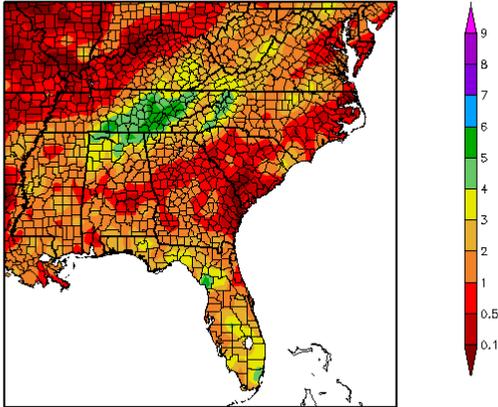
**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50**

“We have gotten more rainfall this week which is delaying corn and peanut harvest. Some peanut field yields have got to be affected by this excess rainfall. Some cotton has been defoliated. Hay cutting has been stopped also due to rain. Been some tough harvest weather so far...”

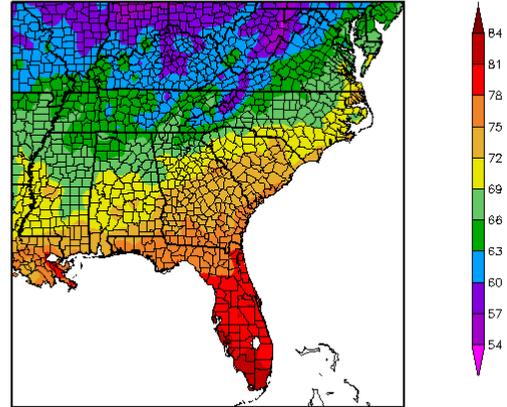
**Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

Precipitation (in)  
9/17/2012 - 9/23/2012



Temperature (F)  
9/17/2012 - 9/23/2012



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

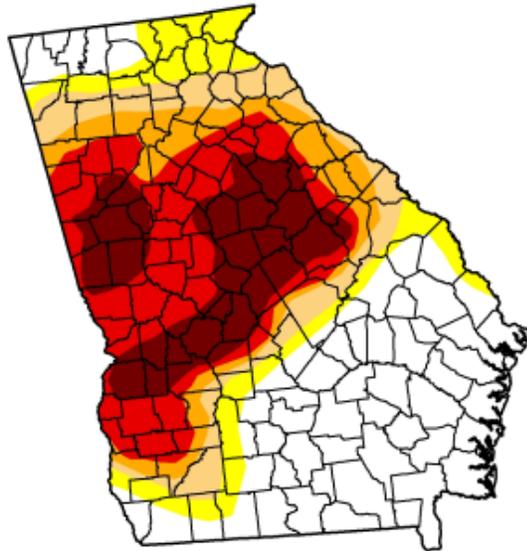
September 18, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	33.74	16.14
Last Week (09/11/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	33.74	16.88
3 Months Ago (06/19/2012 map)	15.67	84.33	70.19	56.76	26.75	13.82
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 (09/13/2011 map)	5.35	94.65	91.22	86.43	80.42	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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David Simeral, Western Regional Climate 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!