General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 7, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 3% very short, 23% short, 65% adequate, 9% surplus. Subsoil moisture 11% very short, 33% short, 54% adequate, 2% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60's to the mid 80's. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40's to the high 60's.

### County Extension Comments

“With two days of continuous rain, pastures in Fulton County have made drastic improvement.”
Grantley Ricketts, Fulton County, District 20

“Scattered rains slowed peanut harvesting; cotton defoliation has begun; group VI soybeans drying down; haying continues as weather allows; some winter grazing being planted.”
Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Overcast skies are preventing dug peanuts from drying. The ground is too wet for digging peanuts.”
Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70

“Wet damp weather has delayed field work, especially peanut digging and picking and cotton defoliation and picking. We need some sunny dry days ahead. Tobacco growers reported in general a pretty good crop. Corn yields have been good to excellent. Most growers are talking about growing more corn and some wheat for next year. Will we have enough corn pickers, trailers and Storage for a big crop?”
Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80
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