



# Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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**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.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	88	85	90	86
Cotton – Harvested	12	9	18	13
Hay – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	86	85	51	N/A
Oats – Planted	15	12	15	16
Peanuts – Dug	50	37	48	39
Peanuts – Harvested	35	26	33	25
Pecans – Harvested	6	3	4	2
Rye – Planted	16	11	18	20
Sorghum – Harvested	38	37	34	35
Soybeans – Harvested	4	3	6	3
Winter Wheat – Planted	8	3	10	6

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	3	8	30	44	15
Peanuts	1	2	16	53	28
Pecans	1	2	28	48	21
Range and Pasture	1	12	40	43	4
Sorghum	3	5	38	42	12
Soybeans	1	6	31	48	14

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

## 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.”

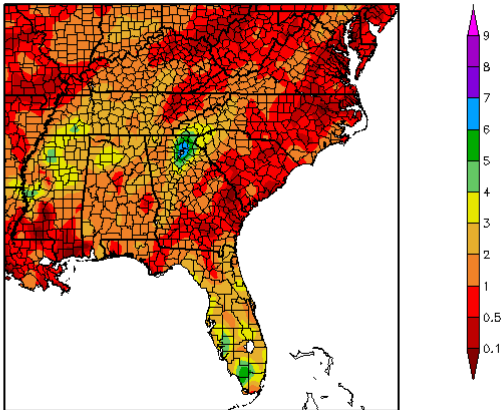
**Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70**

“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**

# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

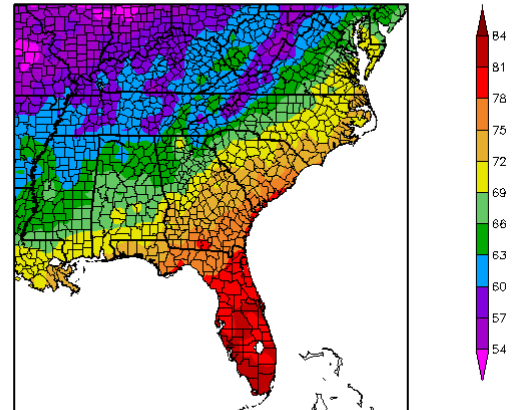
Precipitation (in)  
10/1/2012 - 10/7/2012



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Temperature (F)  
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

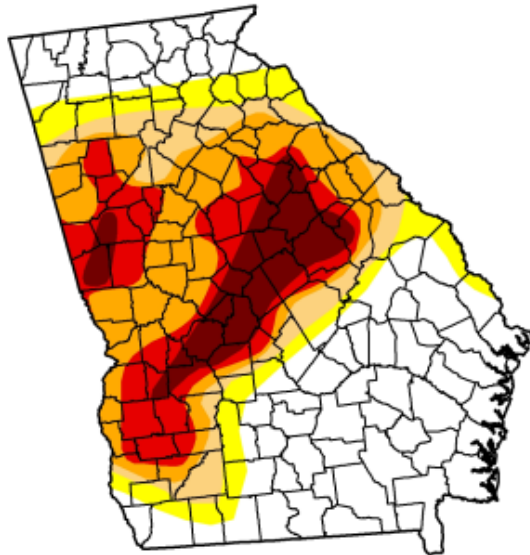
October 2, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.42	57.58	47.77	38.67	21.78	9.03
Last Week (09/25/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	34.04	17.18
3 Months Ago (07/03/2012 map)	13.82	86.18	74.86	59.14	37.24	19.98
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	12.07	87.93	85.36	81.00	63.92	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	34.04	17.18
One Year Ago (09/27/2011 map)	5.62	94.38	90.72	85.56	78.76	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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