



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 21, 2012. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 10% very short, 39% short, 50% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 14% very short, 40% short, 45% adequate, 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60's to the low 80's. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30's to the low 60's.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	95	93	96	96
Cotton – Harvested	31	17	34	28
Hay – 3 rd Cutting	92	88	71	N/A
Oats – Planted	40	20	35	35
Peanuts – Dug	81	67	73	69
Peanuts – Harvested	67	50	56	51
Pecans – Harvested	15	9	12	8
Rye – Planted	38	25	40	40
Sorghum – Harvested	46	39	38	45
Soybeans – Harvested	24	12	18	13
Winter Wheat – Planted	20	11	16	12

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent				
Cotton	2	6	33	43	16
Peanuts	0	3	17	52	28
Pecans	0	1	33	50	16
Range and Pasture	2	13	48	35	2
Sorghum	3	6	43	39	9
Soybeans	2	6	33	51	8

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

County Extension Comments

“Soybean harvest underway with good dryland yields; third cutting of hay by many; calving season progressing well; pastures maintaining decent grazing; looking to get wheat planted once the soybeans are harvested.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Peanut yields +exceptional - Burrower Bug Problems causing Seg # 2 grades in several loads - Several fields too dry to dig. First cotton looking GOOD!”

Mark Crosby, Emanuel County, District 60

“It has gotten dry. Some farmers have waited for rain to soften the ground before digging peanuts.”

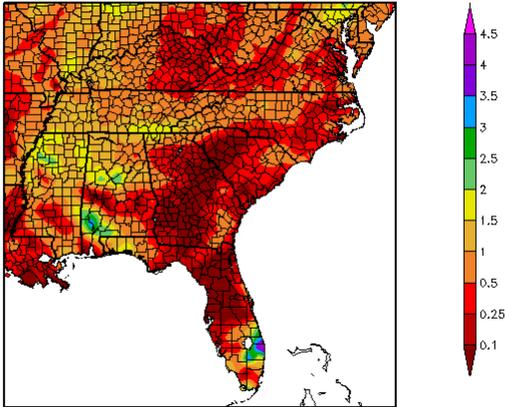
Doug Collins, Lee County, District 70

“Peanut harvest is about 70% complete. Recent weather has been good for peanut harvest. Exceptional yields and grades reported. Cotton being defoliated and cotton picking has begun. Probably about 15% picked so far but a great deal defoliated. We are harvesting last cutting of hay. Most irrigated corn yield were over 200 bu to about 230 Bu. Pecan crop and prices look good.”

Mark Von Waldner, Atkinson County, District 80

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

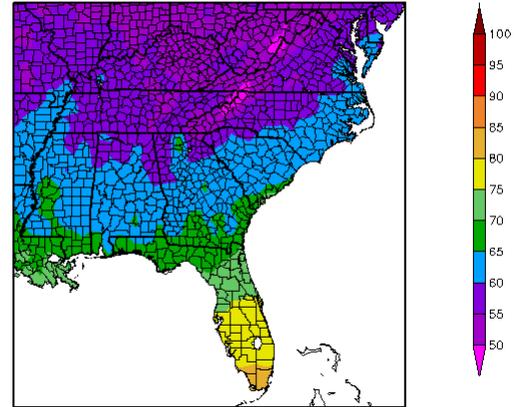
Precipitation (in)
10/15/2012 - 10/21/2012



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Temperature (F)
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

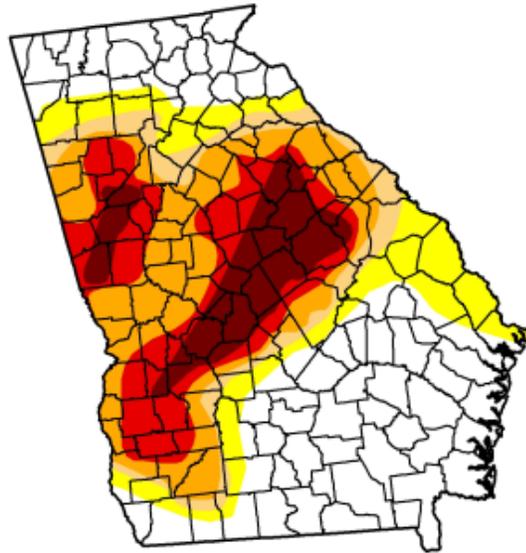
October 16, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.73	59.27	46.56	39.53	22.69	9.93
Last Week (10/09/2012 map)	44.69	55.31	45.58	37.07	21.78	9.03
3 Months Ago (07/17/2012 map)	17.09	82.91	71.46	55.40	37.90	21.19
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 (10/11/2011 map)	4.17	95.83	90.93	86.32	73.27	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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