



Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2013. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 2% short, 61% adequate, 37% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 2% short, 64% adequate, 33% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

Crop Progress				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Cotton – Squaring	84	75	96	92
Cotton – Setting Bolls	49	34	76	67
Hay – 2 nd Cutting	50	46	76	N/A
Peaches – Harvested	87	80	100	90
Peanuts – Blooming	92	85	97	96
Peanuts – Pegging	72	60	87	82
Sorghum – Planted	93	89	100	98
Soybeans – Planted	92	88	100	100
Tobacco – Harvested	28	22	30	27
Watermelons – Harvested	85	83	100	98
Winter Wheat – Harvested	96	94	100	100

Crop Condition					
Crop	VP	P	F	G	EX
Percent					
Corn	1	4	25	52	18
Cotton	2	11	35	41	11
Peanuts	1	7	32	47	13
Range and Pasture	0	3	22	48	27
Sorghum	1	5	31	57	6
Soybeans	1	6	35	49	9
Tobacco	6	17	27	41	9

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

County Extension Comments

“A few days of no rain had everyone playing catch-up. Soybeans are getting fungicide and insecticide spays. Hay has growers in a tough situation with most hay fields too mature when harvested or too wet to cut.”

Adam Speir, Madison County, District 30

“Corn silage growers are harvesting where they can. Some areas are wet. Hay producers are struggling to cut hay due to rain and popup showers. Got a few reports of armyworms last week. Some late soybeans going in behind silage.”

Jeremy Kichler, Macon County, District 40

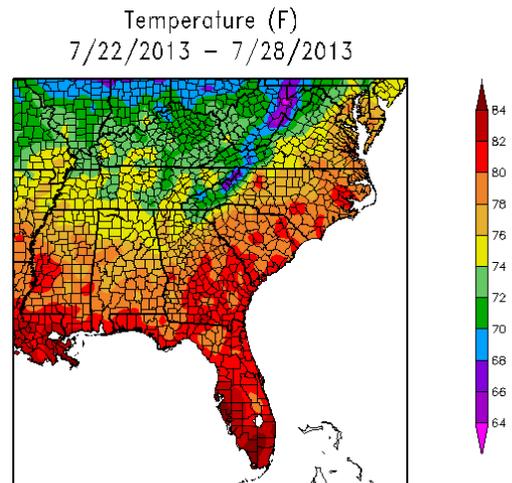
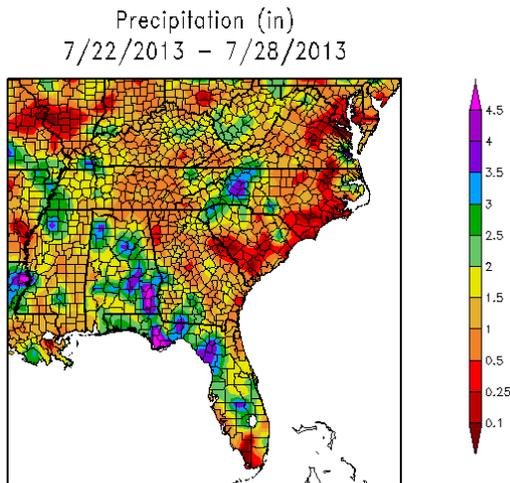
“Some of the local wheat acreage intended for harvest has been lost and impossible to harvest due to excessive rainfall and subsequent heavy weed emergence in stands. Soybeans are showing stress from saturated soils. Warm season hay crops are heavily over mature with considerable pressure from both annual grasses and broad leaf weeds that have intruded into grass stands. Any second crop hay harvested at this point will be of poor quality. Excessive soil moisture precludes hay curing and harvest even though sunny days have predominated this week.”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“Mostly clear weather over the weekend has allowed fields to begin to dry out. Hopefully, we can get much needed fungicides on cotton, peanuts, and soybeans.”

Don Clark, Grady County, District 70

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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

July 23, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (07/16/2013 map)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/23/2013 map)	92.24	7.76	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	1.63	98.37	89.49	64.87	36.96	10.25
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	37.30	62.70	52.44	42.66	34.04	17.18
One Year Ago (07/17/2012 map)	17.09	82.91	71.46	55.40	37.90	21.19

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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