



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 31, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 3.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“With intermittent rainfall this summer it has been a perfect season for summer forage annuals such as pearl millet and forage sorghum. Producers who planted these annuals have grazed or harvested their crop twice already, and are looking to put on a third harvest.”

Nathan Eason, White County, District 20

“Army worms continue to hammer pastures and hayfields. Third hay cutting looks doubtful for most producers.”

Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30

“Forage growth has stopped; some cattlemen are feeding hay due to poor pasture conditions. Insect pressure is heavy in all crops.”

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County, District 40

“Soybeans are suffering from low to no rainfall showing little to no growth in the last ten days. Army worm pressure continues on anything they deem edible. Army worm infestations have forced producers to cut hay early in an effort to avoid spraying and driving up costs on third cutting.”

Keith Fielder, Putnam County, District 50

“Drought and excessive heat has set in which has had set crops back tremendously. No rain in sight.”

Ronnie Barentine, Dooly County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/31/14

| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn - Harvested..... | 74 | 56 | 50 | 65 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 38 | 18 | 9 | 29 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 47 | 8 | NA | 4 |
| Sorghum - Harvested | 11 | 9 | 18 | 13 |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 69 | 63 | 86 | 79 |

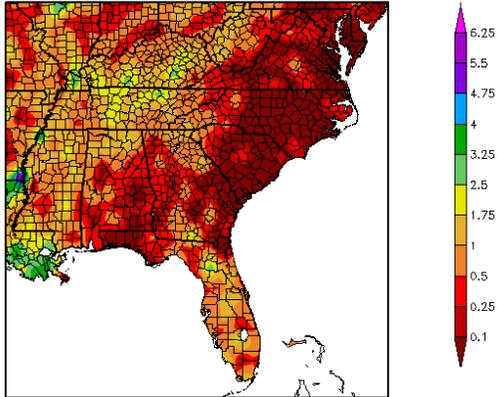
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/31/14

| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton | 2 | 12 | 32 | 43 | 11 |
| Pasture and range..... | 3 | 18 | 42 | 34 | 3 |
| Peanuts..... | 2 | 11 | 29 | 46 | 12 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 5 | 43 | 47 | 4 |
| Soybeans..... | 2 | 8 | 29 | 57 | 4 |

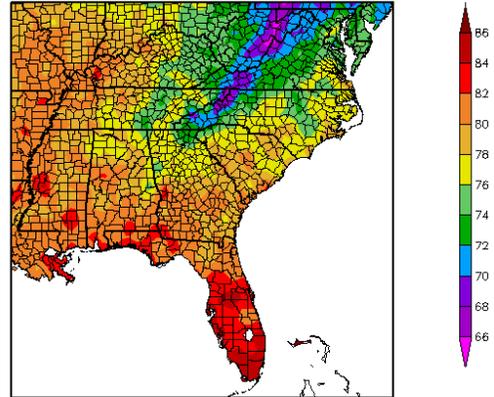
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/31/14

| Topsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 15 | 8 | 11 |
| Short..... | 50 | 50 | 26 |
| Adequate..... | 31 | 37 | 54 |
| Surplus..... | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Subsoil | This week | Previous week | 5 Year avg |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | 15 | 10 | NA |
| Short..... | 44 | 42 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 40 | 46 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 2 | NA |

Precipitation (in)
8/26/2014 - 9/1/2014



Temperature (F)
8/26/2014 - 9/1/2014



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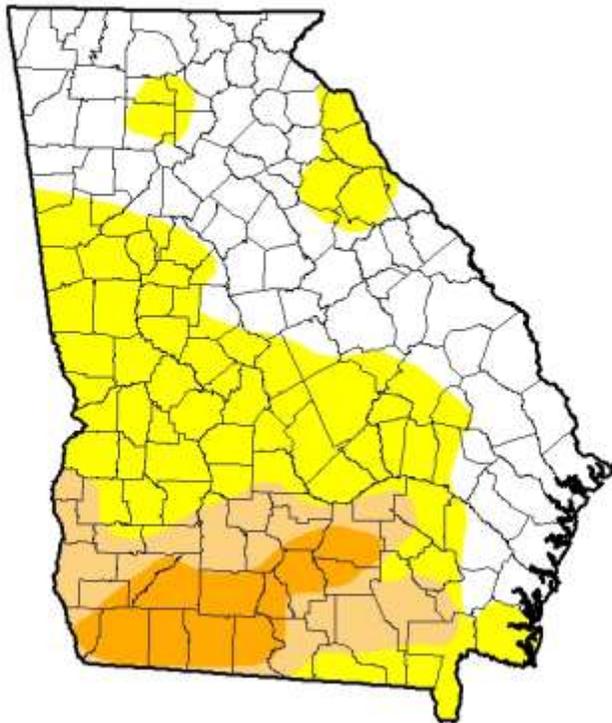
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



August 26, 2014

(Released Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 41.81 | 58.19 | 20.14 | 8.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 8/19/2014 | 51.67 | 48.33 | 16.47 | 3.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 5/27/2014 | 98.84 | 1.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2013 | 92.35 | 7.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 10/1/2012 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 8/27/2013 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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