



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 21, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no of rain up to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Only half an inch of rain last week on Monday. Armyworms are still wiping out Bermuda grass fields. Farmers are trying to squeeze out one last hay cutting.”

Robert Speir, Madison County, District 30

“Soybean overall condition improved with ample rainfall this week. Velvet Bean Caterpillar continues to be a moderate problem in soybeans. A small amount of rust has also shown up in soybeans. Warm season hay and pasture grasses have shown marked improvements with recent rains. Fall Armyworm pressure remains moderate to heavy. Sorghum stands are showing light to moderate disease pressure with some producers choosing to harvest as silage early instead of treating.”

Putnam County, Keith Fielder, District 50

“Wet conditions have delayed peanut digging in some areas of the county.”

Bill Tyson, Bulloch County, District 60

“As we transition into the harvest, the impact of our summer of dry conditions is clearly evident. Our dry land peanut crop has no to very few peanuts and was severely affected by drought and Lesser Corn Stalk Borer damage. Our dry land cotton is almost fully opened with very few bolls and lots of re-growth making defoliation difficult.”

Phillip Edwards, Irwin County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/21/14

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 96 | 93 | 90 | 93 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 80 | 71 | 55 | 68 |
| Cotton - Harvested | 2 | NA | 1 | 3 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting | 83 | 74 | NA | NA |
| Oats - Planted | 2 | NA | 1 | 3 |
| Peanuts - Dug | 12 | 5 | 8 | 12 |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Rye - Planted | 3 | NA | 4 | 4 |
| Sorghum - Harvested | 46 | 41 | 40 | 27 |
| Tobacco - Harvested | 86 | 82 | 96 | 95 |

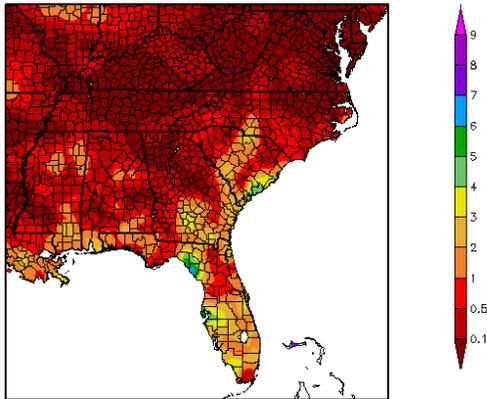
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/21/14

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cotton | 3 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 9 |
| Pasture and range..... | 2 | 11 | 43 | 39 | 5 |
| Peanuts..... | 5 | 15 | 30 | 41 | 9 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 7 | 40 | 46 | 6 |
| Soybeans..... | 3 | 9 | 32 | 50 | 6 |

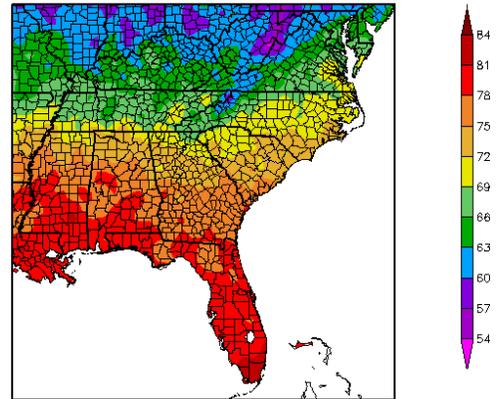
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/21/14

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 4 | 5 | 17 |
| Short | 27 | 29 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 61 | 62 | 46 |
| Surplus..... | 8 | 4 | 8 |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short..... | 6 | 7 | NA |
| Short | 29 | 34 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 62 | 58 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 3 | 1 | NA |

Precipitation (in)
9/15/2014 - 9/21/2014



Temperature (F)
9/15/2014 - 9/21/2014



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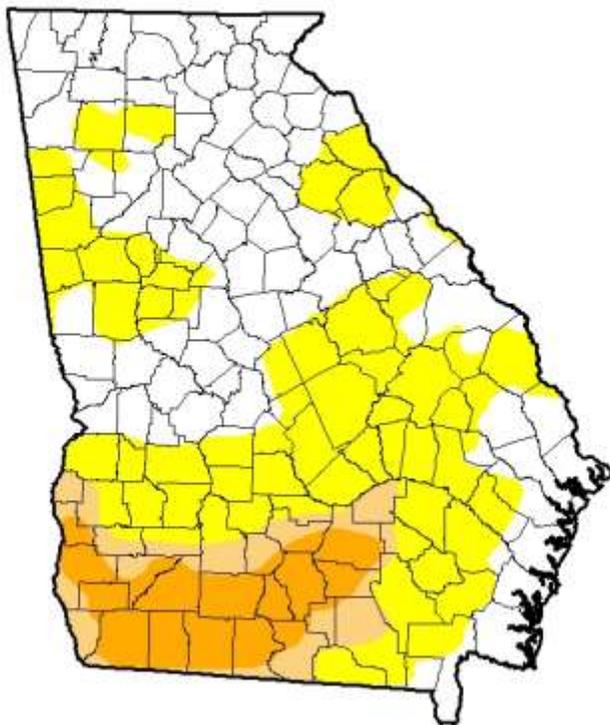
Regional Climate Centers

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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



September 16, 2014

(Released Thursday, Sep. 18, 2014)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 45.09 | 54.91 | 16.57 | 9.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 09/09/2014 | 41.97 | 58.03 | 16.57 | 10.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 07/17/2014 | 98.75 | 1.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 12/01/2013 | 92.36 | 7.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 10/01/2013 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 09/17/2013 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity

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

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

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