



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 1.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the mid 70s.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/15

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 45 | 22 | 28 | 32 |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 94 | 88 | 97 | 91 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 6 | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 15 | NA | NA | NA |
| Sorghum - Harvested | 24 | 10 | 6 | 7 |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 56 | 46 | 60 | 59 |

County Extension Comments

“Heavy infestations of sugarcane aphids in sorghum.”

Keith Mickler, Floyd County, District 10

“Walton County received much needed rain several days last week. Detecting some kudzu bugs in soybeans.”

Joel Burnsed, Walton County, District 20

“Consistent rainfall needed to improve soil moisture conditions for the planting of cool season vegetables, wheat, rye grass, and fescue.”

Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

“Scattered rains. Corn harvest in full swing. Dimilin and boron being applied to soybeans. Majority of peanuts fields have lapped and continue to bloom. Haying continues. A few cotton fields sprayed for stinkbugs.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Colquitt County has been getting hit or miss showers but overall we are dry. Some dryland fields have been showing drought stress. Several peanut growers have intense white mold issues. A couple of dryland cotton fields have open bolls. Corn growers are getting some good yields, and soybean loopers are common in soybean fields. Vegetable producers are planting peppers and other vegetables.”

Jeremy Kichler, Colquitt County, District 80

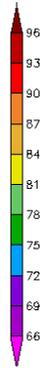
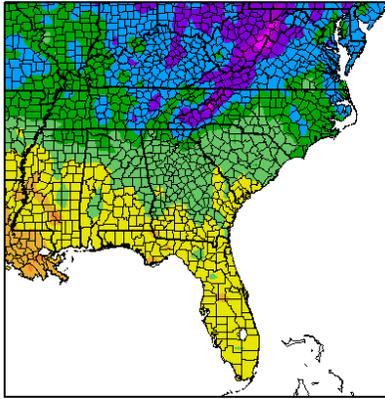
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/16/15

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 3 | 25 | 59 | 13 |
| Corn | 1 | 6 | 24 | 51 | 18 |
| Cotton | 1 | 5 | 28 | 52 | 14 |
| Pasture and range..... | 1 | 11 | 38 | 44 | 6 |
| Peanuts..... | 1 | 3 | 21 | 51 | 24 |
| Pecans..... | 0 | 4 | 23 | 59 | 14 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 6 | 30 | 56 | 7 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 5 | 30 | 55 | 9 |
| Tobacco | 4 | 3 | 30 | 49 | 14 |

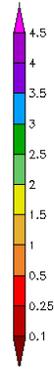
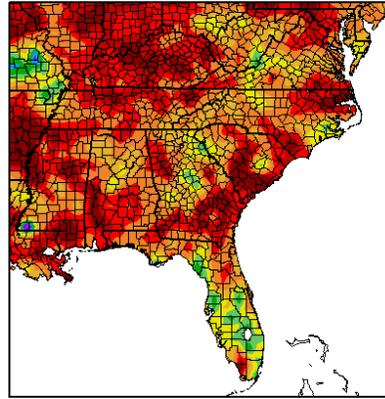
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/15

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| Short..... | 36 | 33 | 32 |
| Adequate..... | 52 | 55 | 47 |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short..... | 4 | 4 | NA |
| Short..... | 32 | 28 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 59 | 64 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 5 | 4 | NA |

Temperature (F)
8/10/2015 – 8/16/2015



Precipitation (in)
8/10/2015 – 8/16/2015



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

August 11, 2015

(Released Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 38.96 | 61.04 | 31.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 8/4/2015 | 31.24 | 68.76 | 34.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 5/12/2015 | 67.29 | 32.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 1/25/2014 | 94.23 | 5.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 8/30/2014 | 41.99 | 58.01 | 15.39 | 4.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 8/12/2014 | 63.21 | 36.79 | 10.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

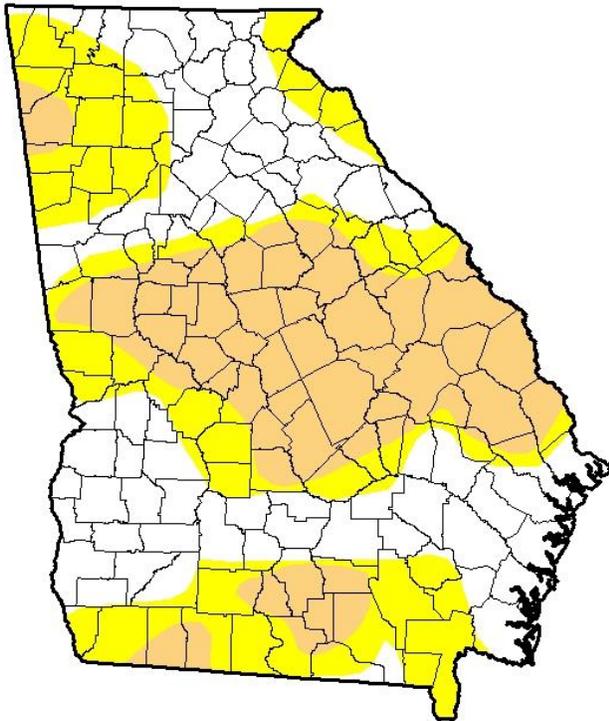
Intensity:

- 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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