



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



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Georgia Field Office, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 inches of rain up to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Majority of silage corn has been harvested. Forage sorghum is being planted in its place. Soybeans are still looking good. Vineyards have begun harvesting and will continue through the next several weeks.”

Nathan Eason, White County, District 20

“Scattered rains continue. Corn harvesting in full swing. White mold beginning to show up in peanuts. Growers continue fungicide treatments. Fall armyworms appeared in hay fields. Bermudagrass stem maggot increasing in hay fields. Cotton bolls beginning to open.”

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County, District 50

“Corn harvest has been delayed from the weather last week, most producers should finish harvesting this week.”

Sam Ingram, Effingham County, District 60

“Need rain. Irrigating and spraying crops with insecticides and peanuts with fungicides as well. Corn harvest looking good. Good dryland yields in general. No major issues on the farm at this time except low prices.”

Mark von Waldner, Coffee County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	62	45	52	51
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	97	94	99	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	15	6	17	17
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	38	15	7	1
Sorghum - Harvested	30	24	9	11
Tobacco - Harvested.....	66	56	63	68

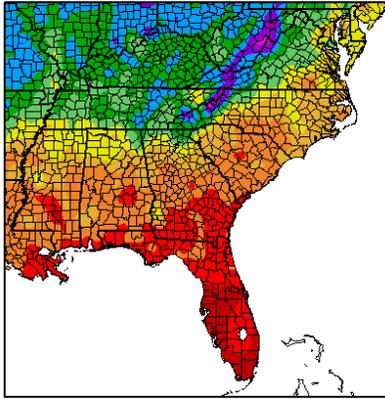
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/23/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	25	59	13
Corn	1	6	23	52	18
Cotton	1	5	27	53	14
Pasture and range.....	1	10	36	46	7
Peanuts.....	1	3	21	51	24
Pecans.....	0	4	23	58	15
Sorghum	1	7	30	55	7
Soybeans.....	2	5	29	55	9

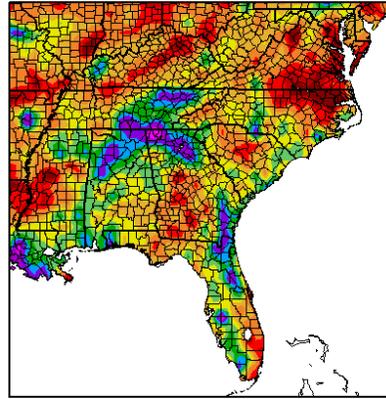
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/23/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	7	10
Short.....	29	36	32
Adequate.....	60	52	46
Surplus.....	6	5	12
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	NA
Short.....	30	32	NA
Adequate.....	61	59	NA
Surplus.....	5	5	NA

Temperature (F)
8/17/2015 – 8/23/2015



Precipitation (in)
8/17/2015 – 8/23/2015



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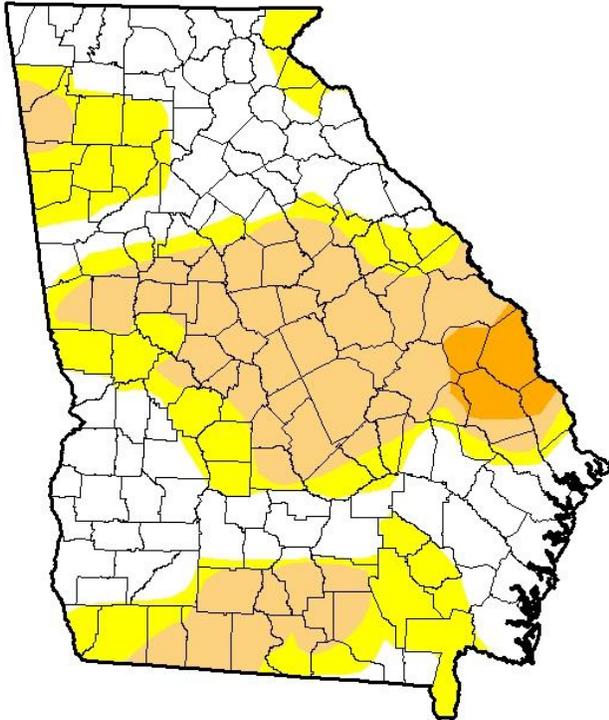
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.14	57.86	32.55	2.99	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/11/2015	38.96	61.04	31.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/19/2015	65.43	34.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/01/2014	94.23	5.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	41.99	58.01	15.39	4.76	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 8/19/2014	51.67	48.33	16.47	3.21	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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