



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain up to 3.7 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Extension Comments

“Trace amounts of rainfall last week. Many producers on or about to make their third hay cutting.”

Brenda Jackson, Murray County, District 10

“Heavy infestations of sugarcane aphids caused farmers to harvest their grain sorghum before maturity for silage. Rainfall is needed to facilitate the planting of winter annuals and fescue.”

Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

“Soybeans fields have kudzu bugs. Most of county getting much needed rain this week.”

Paula Burke, Carroll County, District 40

“Wrapped up the week with one day of rain (Sunday). Lots of hay put down about Wednesday last week and rolled on Friday, trying to beat the rain. First confirmed case of fall armyworms in the county this season last Monday. This also marked the first confirmed case of bermudagrass stem maggot this season in Jasper County.”

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County, District 50

“Getting dry. Need rain.”

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	78	62	71	68
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	30	15	35	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	62	38	41	11
Sorghum - Harvested	38	30	11	14
Tobacco - Harvested.....	73	66	68	76

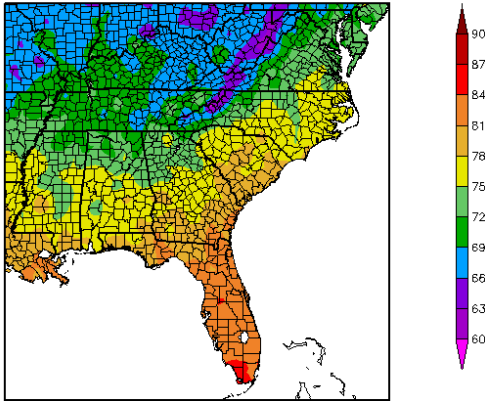
Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	23	61	13
Cotton	1	5	27	53	14
Pasture and range.....	1	9	35	48	7
Peanuts.....	1	3	21	52	23
Pecans.....	0	4	21	59	16
Sorghum	2	7	29	55	7
Soybeans.....	2	5	27	56	10

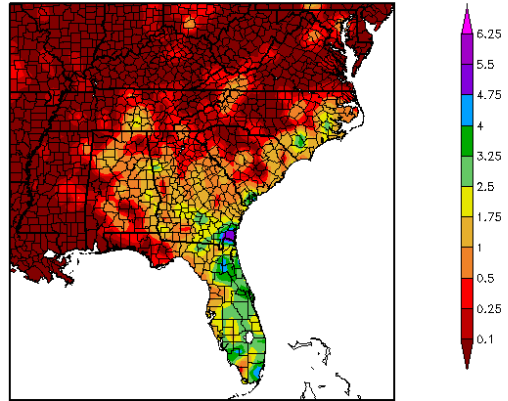
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5	13
Short.....	26	29	32
Adequate.....	64	60	47
Surplus.....	5	6	8
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	4	NA
Short.....	27	30	NA
Adequate.....	64	61	NA
Surplus.....	5	5	NA

Temperature (F)
8/24/2015 – 8/30/2015



Precipitation (in)
8/24/2015 – 8/30/2015



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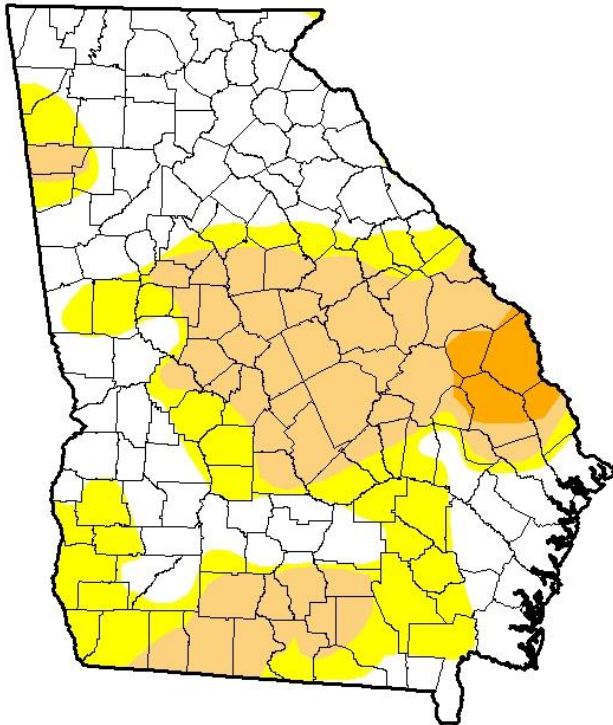
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.49	53.51	29.60	2.99	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/18/2015	42.14	57.86	32.55	2.99	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/26/2015	56.94	43.06	3.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	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 8/26/2014	41.81	58.19	20.14	8.07	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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