



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 20, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the high 60s.

County Extension Comments

“The weather is really starting to cool off. We are not getting a lot of rain. It is dry overall.”

Gregory Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

“We just passed a dry week. There are no further reports of fall armyworms, so hopefully their progress has slowed. The cooler weather is slowing down bermudagrass growth and delaying a third cutting.”

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County, District 50

“Peanuts are beginning to be dug. Cotton defoliation has also begun and will continue if weather permits. Worms are being sprayed in areas of the county where they remain problematic in peanuts and soybeans.”

Bill Tyson, Bulloch County, District 60

“Rain in some areas of the county kept farmers out of the fields for one to two days.”

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	94	91	96	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	78	70	79	73
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	87	80	82	N/A
Oats - Planted.....	8	1	2	2
Peanuts - Dug.....	15	9	11	12
Peanuts - Harvested.....	7	4	5	6
Sorghum - Harvested.....	63	56	45	32
Tobacco - Harvested.....	91	82	85	92

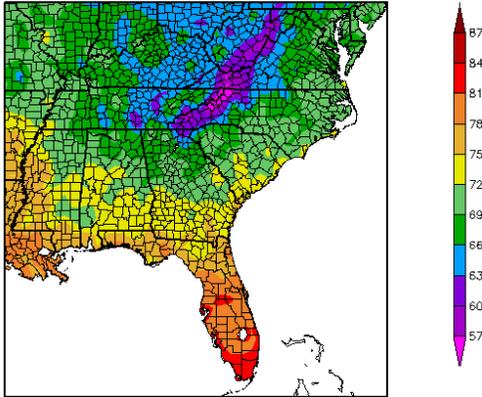
Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/20/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	2	23	60	15
Cotton.....	1	6	25	52	16
Pasture and range.....	2	6	33	51	8
Peanuts.....	0	4	21	50	25
Pecans.....	0	4	21	57	18
Soybeans.....	1	5	26	56	12

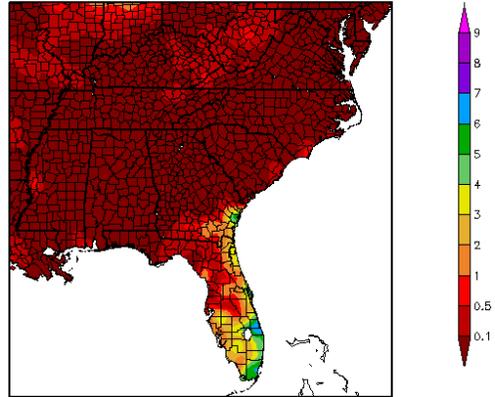
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/20/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	3	18
Short.....	30	23	33
Adequate.....	63	65	45
Surplus.....	5	9	4
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	2	2	NA
Short.....	27	24	NA
Adequate.....	63	65	NA
Surplus.....	8	9	NA

Temperature (F)
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015



Precipitation (in)
9/14/2015 - 9/20/2015



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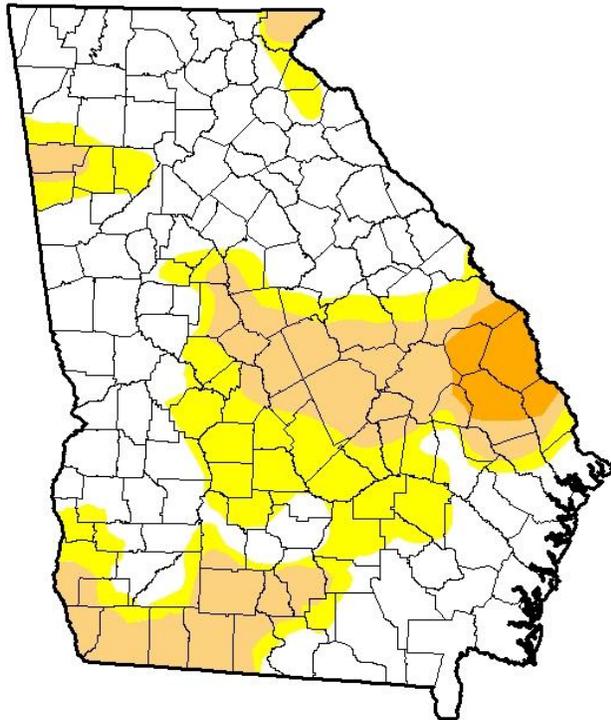
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.73	42.27	21.20	3.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/9/2015	51.40	48.60	27.12	3.25	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/16/2015	75.59	24.41	7.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	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 9/16/2014	45.09	54.91	16.57	9.67	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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