



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 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 27, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 60s.

County Extension Comments

“We received much needed rain on Friday and Saturday.”

Gregory Bowman, Gordon County, District 10

“Much needed rain improved condition of winter wheat, rye, and over-seeded fescue.”

Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

“Cotton is beginning to open. Peanuts are beginning to be harvested. Some peanuts have stalled out with the change in temperatures. Some soybeans are ready, but taking longer to dry down due to humidity and pop up storms.”

Brooke Jeffries, Wheeler County, District 50

“The lack of sunshine due to the cloudy, wet conditions is delaying cotton and peanut harvest.”

Bill Tyson, Bulloch County, District 60

“Peanut maturity checks indicate good progression on crop, right where everyone expects to be. Few cotton fields defoliated. Widespread showers have everything paused right now.”

Jason Blankenship, Quitman County, District 70

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/27/15

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 96 | 94 | 96 | 97 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 86 | 78 | 84 | 80 |
| Cotton - Harvested..... | 6 | NA | 6 | 7 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting..... | 91 | 87 | 88 | NA |
| Oats - Planted..... | 13 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Peanuts - Dug..... | 25 | 15 | 21 | 22 |
| Peanuts - Harvested..... | 12 | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Rye - Planted..... | 12 | NA | 6 | 7 |
| Sorghum - Harvested..... | 66 | 63 | 54 | 39 |
| Soybeans - Harvested..... | 9 | NA | 6 | 2 |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 94 | 91 | 89 | NA |

Crop Condition for Week Ending 09/27/15

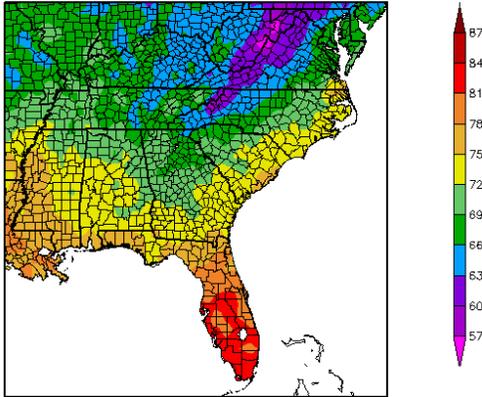
| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 2 | 23 | 61 | 14 |
| Cotton | 1 | 6 | 25 | 51 | 17 |
| Pasture and range..... | 2 | 6 | 31 | 53 | 8 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 4 | 21 | 52 | 23 |
| Pecans..... | 0 | 4 | 22 | 58 | 16 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 5 | 27 | 55 | 12 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/27/15

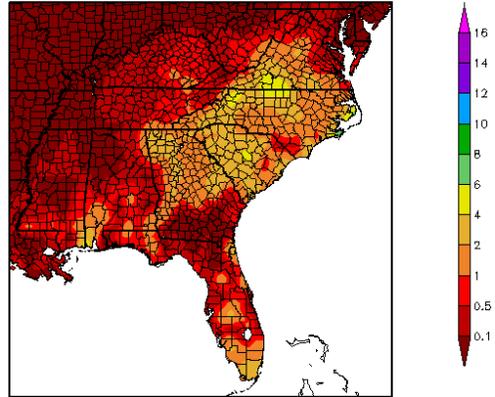
| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Short..... | 26 | 30 | 29 |
| Adequate..... | 62 | 63 | 53 |
| Surplus..... | 10 | 5 | 5 |

| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 2 | 2 | NA |
| Short..... | 25 | 27 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 66 | 63 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 7 | 8 | NA |

Temperature (F)
9/21/2015 – 9/27/2015



Precipitation (in)
9/21/2015 – 9/27/2015



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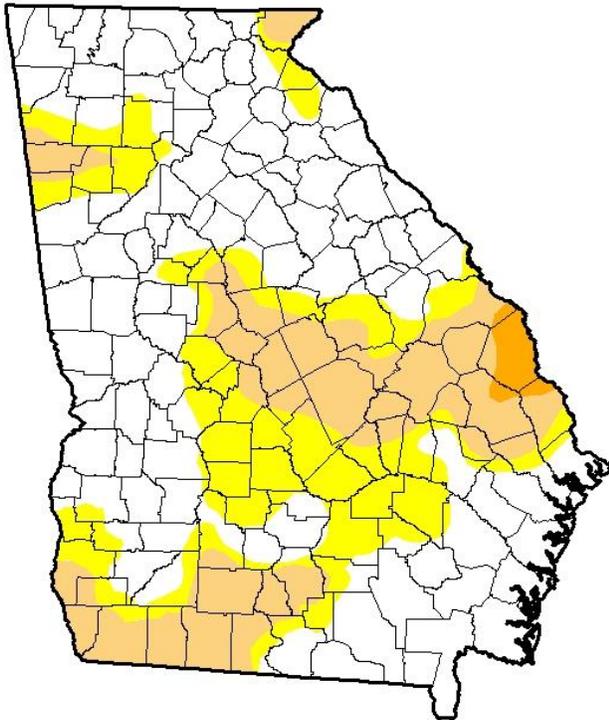
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Regional Climate Centers

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu>

U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 22, 2015
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 57.39 | 42.61 | 20.95 | 1.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 9/15/2015 | 57.73 | 42.27 | 21.20 | 3.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 6/23/2015 | 58.04 | 41.96 | 10.07 | 2.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 1/23/2014 | 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 9/23/2014 | 49.04 | 50.96 | 15.43 | 6.61 | 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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