



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 in Georgia, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 17, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 4.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Level-3 drought. Corn crop was gone and was basically being put in silage or baleage. No rain, no grass. Folks were weaning calf crops early to assist the stress on cows.

Greg Bowman, Gordon County

Dry to the point of causing stagnation in hayfields and decline in pastures. Many producers were already putting out hay to supplement cattle.

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County

Everything was looking good. We got a little rain Friday and Saturday, and that should hold us till the next rain occurrence. Our watermelon producers finished harvesting last week, and I believe that after all was said and done that we had a record harvest season.

Chris Earls, Candler County

One dryland corn field was pulled last week, but moisture was way too high. Within 2 weeks, a lot of our fields will have combines rolling. Cotton was side dressed and much of the nitrogen was fixed already. Peanuts were looking good with no major issues.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Tobacco harvest began. Irrigated daily. Sprayed cotton and peanuts. Pulled weeds. Most crops were in critical need of rainfall. Dryland yields were suffering, and irrigated fields could not get enough moisture fast enough for plant needs. Things were getting serious.

Mark von Waldner, Coffee County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/17/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Blueberries - Harvested..	99	94	88	96
Corn - Silking	96	94	NA	NA
Corn - Mature	15	NA	NA	NA
Cotton - Squaring	90	81	86	82
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	52	33	49	45
Hay - 2nd Cutting	69	61	83	54
Peaches - Harvested.....	83	76	78	84
Peanuts - Pegging.....	90	79	71	66
Sorghum - Planted	94	91	94	91
Soybeans - Emerged.....	96	93	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	49	37	NA	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods	21	8	NA	NA
Tobacco - Topped	91	79	NA	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	16	4	7	16

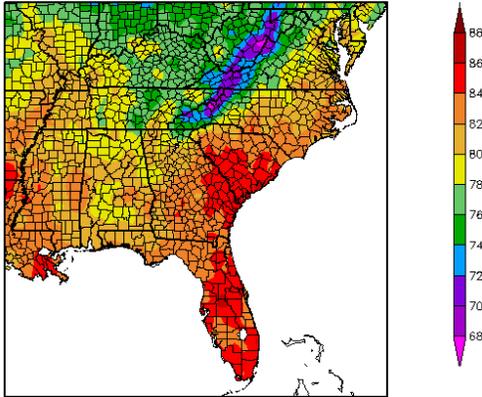
Conditions for Week Ending 07/17/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	7	29	54	9
Corn	3	6	26	48	17
Cotton	2	6	29	52	11
Pasture and range.....	14	20	38	24	4
Peanuts.....	1	4	23	55	17
Sorghum	1	5	30	60	4
Soybeans	2	9	34	49	6
Tobacco	1	12	37	44	6

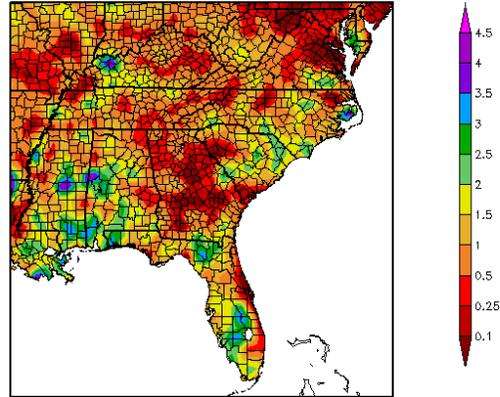
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/17/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	19	15	6
Short	46	45	28
Adequate.....	34	39	52
Surplus.....	1	1	14
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	13	11	8
Short	41	38	29
Adequate.....	46	50	54
Surplus.....	0	1	9

Temperature (F)
7/11/2016 - 7/17/2016



Precipitation (in)
7/11/2016 - 7/17/2016



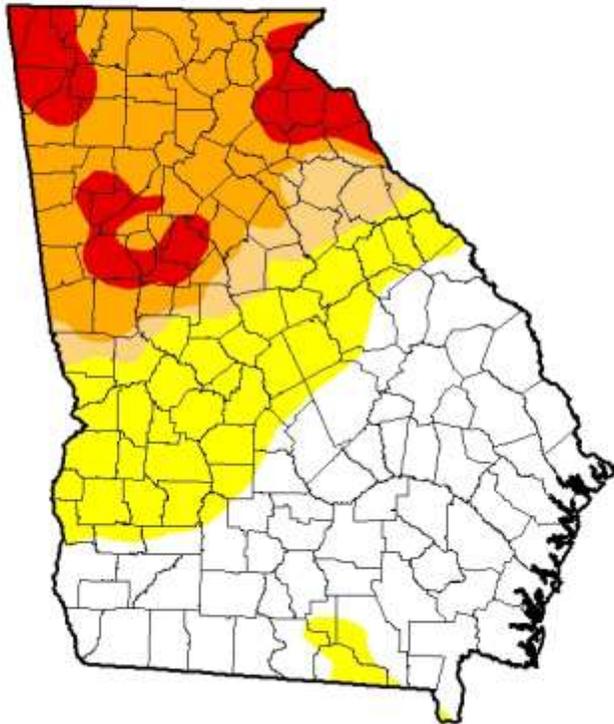
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.72	55.28	33.76	28.13	8.68	0.00
Last Week 05/28/16	51.69	48.31	33.76	28.12	6.77	0.00
3 Months Ago 02/22/16	78.83	21.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/15	87.38	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 02/28/15	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07/14/15	54.87	45.13	15.82	2.46	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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