



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 25, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.41 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Armyworms continue to plague the county. Some growers have been able to salvage a cutting of hay, as meager as it is. Peach harvest is winding down for the year and will probably be completed next week.

Michael Wheeler, Hall County

Conditions are extremely dry. Planting of cool season grasses and winter grazing will not be successful this year. Producers will need to purchase alternative sources of feed.

Steven Patrick, Habersham County

The lack of precipitation pushes us deeper into drought. There is a real concern now about whether or not fall forages and food plots can be planted successfully. Hay continues to be in high demand. There are fewer and fewer reports of armyworms.

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County

We are really busy checking peanut maturities. The cotton is really opening up, but none is defoliated yet. Some dryland peanut acreage needs a rain to improve digging conditions.

Jason Blankenship, Quitman County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/25/16

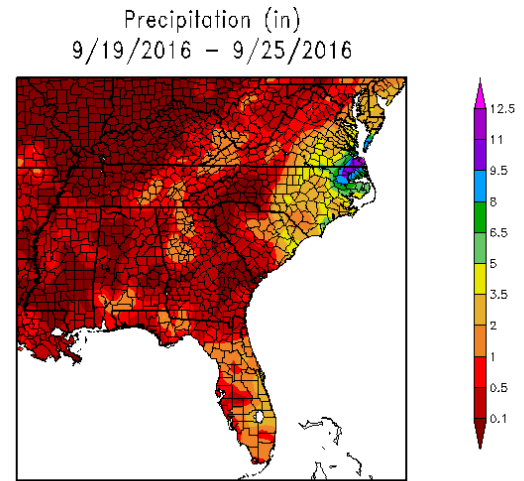
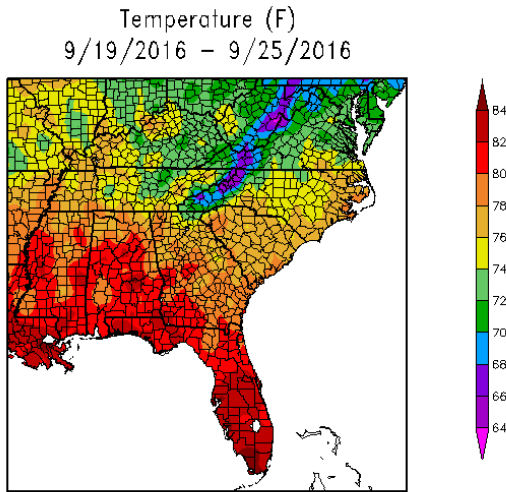
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	85	79	84	77
Cotton - Harvested.....	8	4	5	5
Oats - Planted.....	9	1	12	7
Peanuts - Dug.....	31	17	22	19
Peanuts - Harvested.....	17	9	11	10
Rye - Planted.....	2	NA	10	7
Sorghum - Harvested.....	45	36	65	43
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	51	41	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested.....	9	1	7	3

Conditions for Week Ending 09/25/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	2	8	33	49	8
Cotton.....	4	10	32	43	11
Pasture and range.....	16	26	34	21	3
Peanuts.....	4	10	26	43	17
Pecans.....	1	4	22	55	18
Sorghum.....	2	6	33	55	4
Soybeans.....	5	13	35	40	7

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/25/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	15	11	7
Short.....	39	35	28
Adequate.....	42	47	59
Surplus.....	4	7	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	17	13	10
Short.....	36	35	30
Adequate.....	45	50	56
Surplus.....	2	2	4



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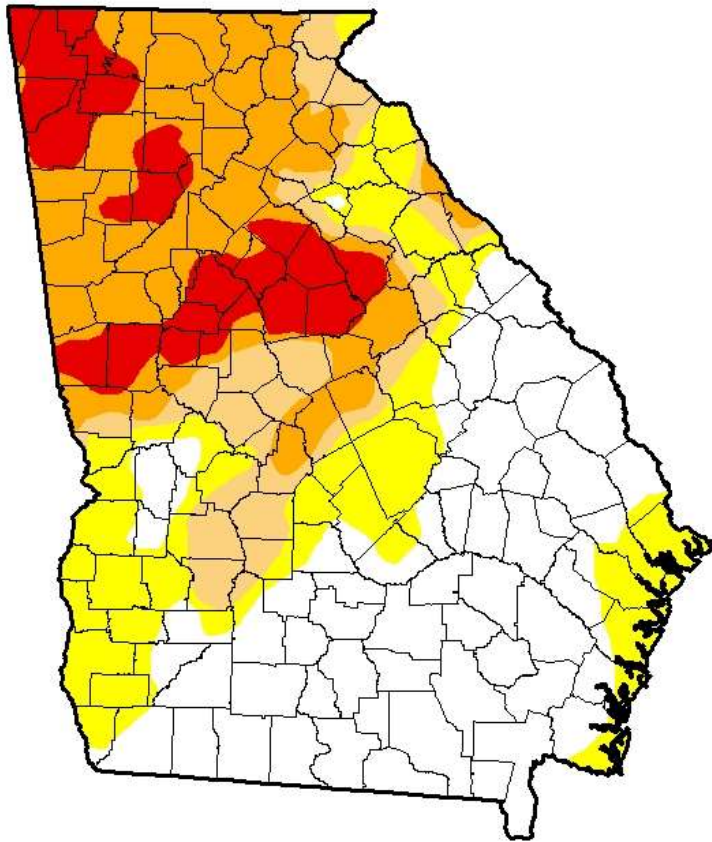
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.36	60.64	41.09	30.98	11.01	0.00
Last Week 9/13/2016	39.36	60.64	41.08	29.49	7.46	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/21/2016	52.37	47.63	31.61	14.55	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 9/22/2015	57.39	42.61	20.95	1.33	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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