



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Fall planting was delayed due to a lack of soil moisture.  
**Keith Mickler, Floyd County**

Armyworms continued to damage forage crops.  
**Jeffrey D. Aaron, Oglethorpe County**

Third cutting of hay just started. Due to the drought, we predict a hay shortage with production down by two-thirds for the year. Some cattlemen already moved some stock to the sale barn while most are struggling to find enough hay for the winter.

**Frank H. Hancock, Henry County**

Harvesting of cotton, peanuts and soybeans continued around the county. Some soybean fields were sprayed for control of caterpillars. Pecan trees continued to lose limbs and branches due to the weight of the nuts and leaves. Topsoil moisture declined. Need rain, as does everyone!

**Raymond Joyce, Laurens County**

Dry conditions really helped the peanut and cotton harvest. We made good progress and will finish a good portion of the harvest within the next week. Soybeans dropped leaves every day, and I saw a few small fields picked. Only winter grazing for cows has been planted thus far and no major fields of wheat, oats, or rye.

**Seth McAllister, Terrell County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/02/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	90	85	88	84
Cotton - Harvested .....	13	8	7	8
Oats - Planted .....	12	9	15	12
Peanuts - Dug .....	46	31	30	31
Peanuts - Harvested.....	28	17	14	19
Rye - Planted .....	8	2	16	13
Sorghum - Harvested .....	53	45	68	48
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	63	51	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	14	9	12	6
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	0	NA	5	5

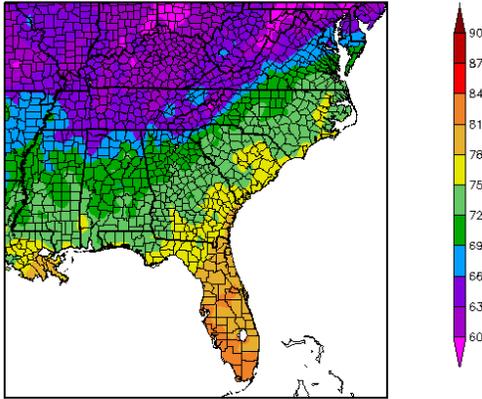
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/02/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	2	8	34	48	8
Cotton .....	3	10	32	45	10
Pasture and range.....	16	29	33	20	2
Peanuts.....	4	11	25	44	16
Pecans.....	1	4	21	56	18
Sorghum .....	2	6	33	55	4
Soybeans.....	5	14	35	40	6

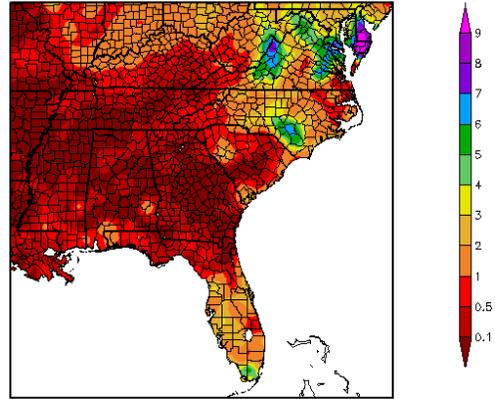
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/02/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	23	15	6
Short.....	42	39	24
Adequate.....	34	42	59
Surplus.....	1	4	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	21	17	9
Short.....	37	36	28
Adequate.....	41	45	57
Surplus.....	1	2	6

Temperature (F)  
9/26/2016 – 10/2/2016



Precipitation (in)  
9/26/2016 – 10/2/2016



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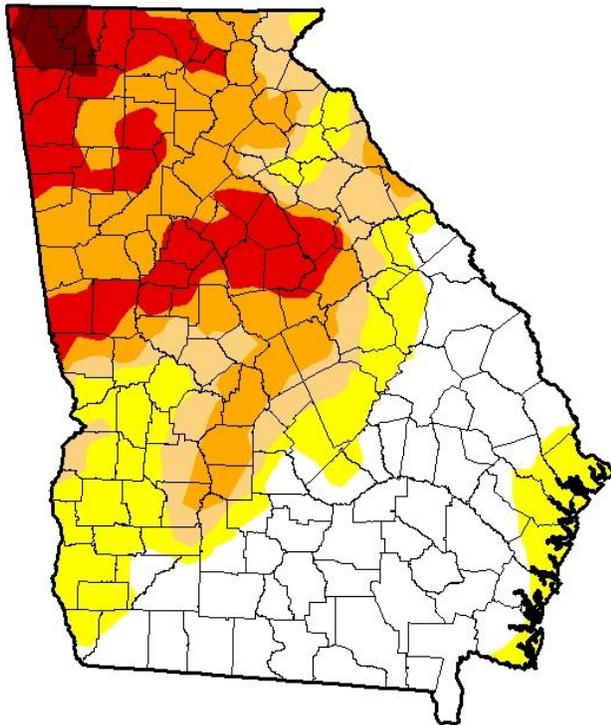
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 27, 2016**

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
<b>Last Week</b> 9/20/2016	39.36	60.64	41.09	30.98	11.01	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 6/28/2016	51.72	48.28	32.69	25.21	1.96	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/22/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 9/29/2015	63.46	36.54	17.71	1.20	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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