



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 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 9, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 11.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

No rain. No soil moisture. Farmers are feeding hay and have been for a while. It is a gamble to even consider drilling grass seed. Tough crop year.

Greg Bowman, Gordon County

Grazing and hayland are bare due to the drought and fall armyworms. Farmers are anxious to plant winter forages, but have to wait for rain and a frost to stop the armyworms.

Greg Pittman, Jackson County

Crop harvesting continues. Very little effects from Hurricane Matthew. Lots of wind. Very little rainfall.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

Due to Hurricane Matthew, lots of pecan trees are down or stripped; cotton blown out. Lots of damage.

Ray Hicks, Screven County

Weather has been absolutely perfect for harvest. Cotton is yielding pretty good overall, slightly lower than last year, but still strong. Peanuts will be wrapping up over the next two to three weeks. Grade has been terrible across the board on peanuts this year. Soybeans are starting to get picked this week. We won't have many acres planted in wheat this year due to the peanut contamination debate.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/09/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	94	90	92	88
Cotton - Harvested	22	13	10	14
Oats - Planted	16	12	20	18
Peanuts - Dug	62	46	40	47
Peanuts - Harvested	45	28	21	31
Pecans - Harvested	4	NA	6	5
Rye - Planted	12	8	23	21
Sorghum - Harvested	67	53	70	50
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	73	63	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested	22	14	15	10
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	1	0	7	8

Conditions for Week Ending 10/09/16

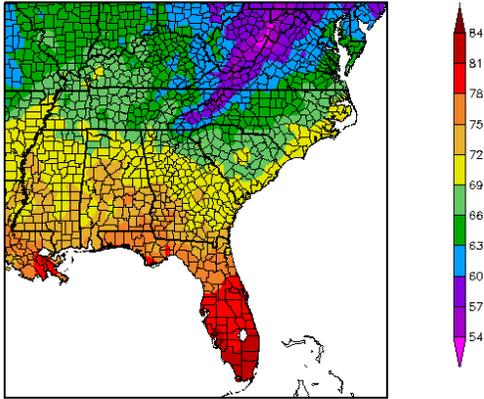
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	3	9	35	46	7
Cotton	4	13	30	43	10
Pasture and range	19	29	31	19	2
Peanuts	4	12	28	41	15
Pecans	1	6	20	55	18
Soybeans	5	14	36	39	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/09/16

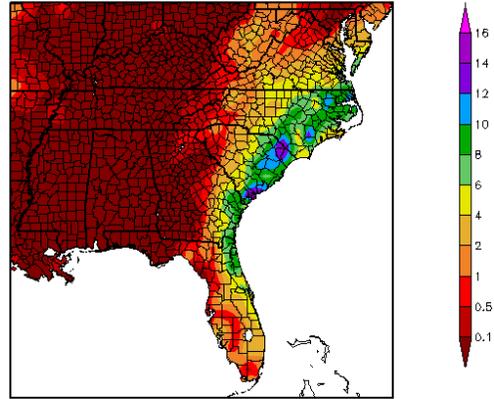
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	24	23	8
Short	32	42	32
Adequate	36	34	53
Surplus	8	1	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	21	21	12
Short	35	37	32
Adequate	41	41	51
Surplus	3	1	5

Adverse weather conditions experienced in Georgia in the last several days may not be fully reflected because of reporting difficulties.

Temperature (F)
10/4/2016 – 10/10/2016



Precipitation (in)
10/4/2016 – 10/10/2016



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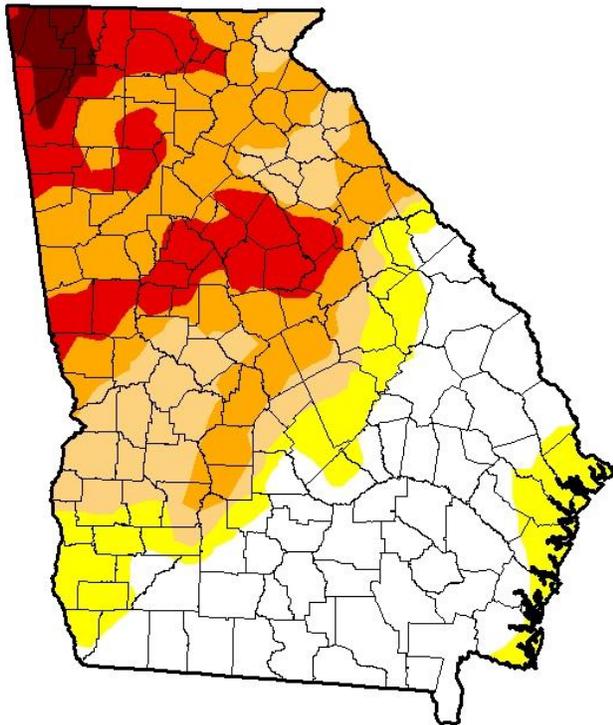
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.32	64.68	51.86	37.46	15.01	2.29
Last Week 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
3 Months Ago 7/5/2016	51.69	48.31	33.76	28.12	6.77	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 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
One Year Ago 10/6/2015	71.24	28.76	12.93	0.00	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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