



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, October 16, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.39 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Pastures are in decline due to the absence of rainfall and the presence of fall armyworms. Very dry conditions.

**Joel Burnsed, Walton County**

Our window of opportunity to reestablish forage crops is quickly closing. With no rain in sight, livestock producers will be forced to sell animals or purchase additional hay reserves, which will prove costly.

**Steven Patrick, Habersham County**

Creeks are drying up due to no rain. No grass to graze. Farmers are searching out for hay in other areas of Georgia and Alabama. Cattlemen are selling part or all of their herds due to the lack of grazing and low yields from their hay crop.

**Paula Burke, Carroll County**

Hurricane Matthew brought us anywhere from 4 to over 12 inches of rain. Thousands of pecan trees have blown over in the county. Rough estimates are that near 1/3 of the trees in the county have been lost. Cotton was blown off the stalk and on the ground and this has hurt us significantly as well.

**Chris Tyson, Tattnall County**

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

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	96	94	94	93
Cotton - Harvested.....	34	22	17	21
Oats - Planted.....	23	16	27	27
Peanuts - Dug.....	74	62	57	63
Peanuts - Harvested.....	57	45	34	45
Pecans - Harvested.....	8	4	11	9
Rye - Planted.....	20	12	33	29
Sorghum - Harvested.....	74	67	75	52
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	81	73	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	31	22	21	16
Winter Wheat - Planted..	6	1	8	11

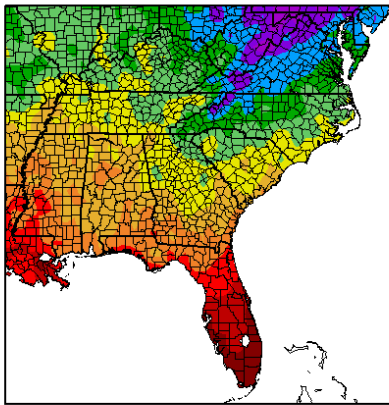
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	3	9	36	45	7
Cotton.....	4	13	30	43	10
Pasture and range.....	23	28	30	17	2
Peanuts.....	5	12	29	39	15
Pecans.....	1	11	20	50	18
Soybeans.....	5	15	35	39	6

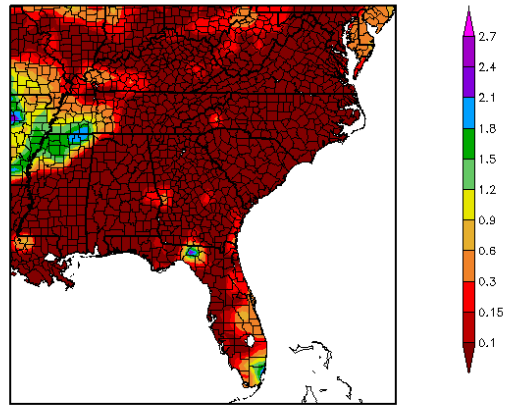
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/16**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	30	24	6
Short.....	30	32	28
Adequate.....	34	36	61
Surplus.....	6	8	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	25	21	8
Short.....	37	35	31
Adequate.....	36	41	58
Surplus.....	2	3	3

Temperature (F)  
10/10/2016 - 10/16/2016



Precipitation (in)  
10/10/2016 - 10/16/2016



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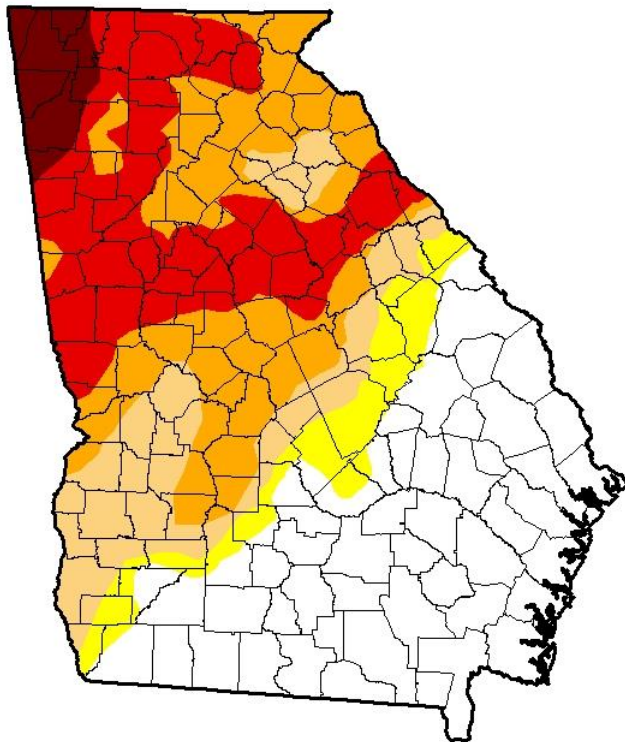
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**October 11, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.04	61.96	55.33	42.63	23.12	3.61
<b>Last Week</b> 10/4/2016	35.32	64.68	51.86	37.46	15.01	2.29
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 7/12/2016	44.72	55.28	33.76	28.13	8.68	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10/13/2015	68.56	31.44	13.87	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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