



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 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 23, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 0.1 inches. Average high temperatures were in the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

County Comments

No rain since light rain brought by Hurricane Matthew.
Frank Watson, McDuffie County

The folks who tried to get winter grazing/small grains planted after the last smidge of rain now regret it: If it germinated, it died. Some are praying their seed will still germinate. Too much hay being fed now. Growers are sorting cows for culling. Stream flows are practically nil; ponds are 12 to 18 inches below full pool. Wheat seed is sitting in the bag, waiting on rain.
Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County

Current estimates have grazing loss at 80% to 90%, with potentially equal hay production losses. Winter grazing is not being planted at this time; if not planted soon, it will not be an option.
Keith Mickler, Floyd County

We are still recovering from the hurricane, accessing pecan trees and crop damage.
Chris Earls, Candler County

Irrigated cotton seems to have picked on average 300 pounds lighter than previous years across the county. Peanuts were slightly lower yielding this year as well, probably due to the long, hot days with minimal water to cool the soil surface temperature. Soybeans are just now getting picked heavily; they aren't looking to yield very high either.
Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/23/16

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	97	96	96	95
Cotton - Harvested.....	47	34	28	32
Oats - Planted.....	38	23	36	37
Peanuts - Dug.....	83	74	73	77
Peanuts - Harvested.....	70	57	52	60
Pecans - Harvested.....	15	8	16	15
Rye - Planted.....	31	20	44	42
Sorghum - Harvested.....	79	74	78	56
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	88	81	NA	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	42	31	31	24
Winter Wheat - Planted..	19	6	13	15

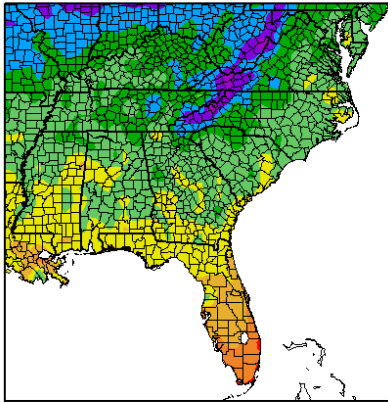
Conditions for Week Ending 10/23/16

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	4	11	37	41	7
Cotton.....	4	13	31	43	9
Pasture and range.....	31	30	25	12	2
Pecans.....	1	7	22	52	18
Soybeans.....	6	15	35	38	6

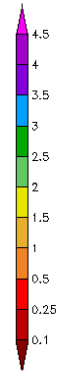
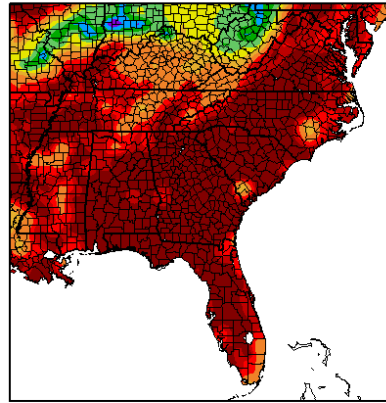
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/23/16

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	38	30	10
Short.....	35	30	36
Adequate.....	25	34	51
Surplus.....	2	6	3
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	31	25	10
Short.....	39	37	34
Adequate.....	30	36	54
Surplus.....	0	2	2

Temperature (F)
10/17/2016 – 10/23/2016



Precipitation (in)
10/17/2016 – 10/23/2016



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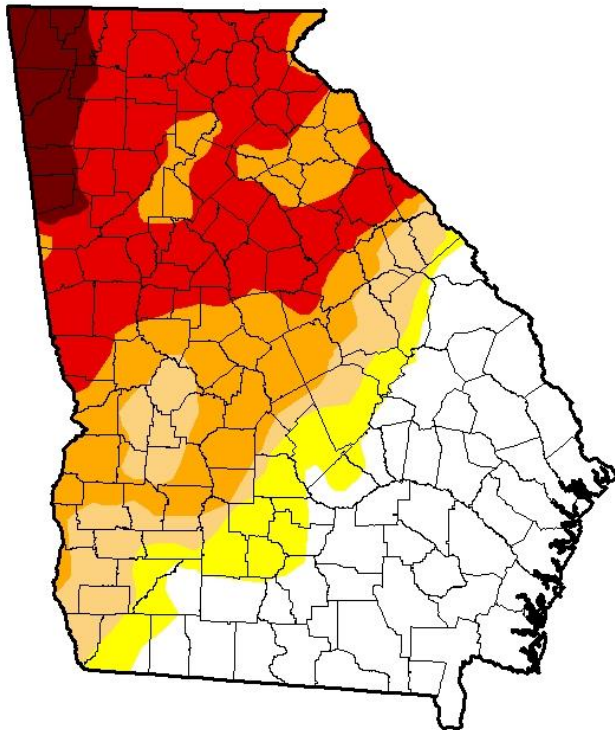
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.95	66.05	57.89	47.54	29.24	4.59
Last Week 10/11/2016	38.04	61.96	55.33	42.63	23.12	3.61
3 Months Ago 7/19/2016	34.96	65.04	37.55	28.48	9.65	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 10/20/2015	66.11	33.89	13.83	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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