



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 27, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

Soil moisture levels need to improve if fall establishment of forage grasses is to happen successfully.

Steven Patrick, Habersham County

We need more rain. Peanuts are stressing, and cotton still has plenty of bolls to fill out.

Matthew Murdock, Marion County

Crops are showing drought stress. Rainfall is needed. Growers are running irrigation systems. Bolls on older cotton are beginning to open. Insecticides are being sprayed on cotton for whiteflies. Older cotton is approaching cutout. Some peanuts are reaching 100 days. Growers are still applying fungicides. Grain corn harvest is continuing. Group 5 soybeans are approaching maturity. Kudzu bug fungus is in soybean fields. Haying is continuing. Pecans are looking good, but the limbs are showing stress from the heavy crop. Sugarcane aphid is showing up in forage sorghum again.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

Dry weather has allowed for a good corn harvest, but our other commodities are suffering. Whitefly pressure is extreme. We expect a significant reduction in yield and quality across multiple crops.

Ty Torrance, Decatur County

Crops look good for the most part. Atkinson County could use some rain in most areas.

Tony Barnes, Atkinson County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/27/17

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested..... | 72 | 54 | 70 | 62 |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls..... | 96 | 94 | 98 | 97 |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 21 | 11 | 28 | 22 |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting | 96 | 94 | 91 | NA |
| Sorghum - Harvested | 36 | 15 | 13 | 17 |
| Soybeans - Blooming | 93 | 91 | 94 | NA |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods | 77 | 69 | 81 | NA |
| Soybeans - Dropping | | | | |
| Leaves | 2 | NA | 5 | NA |
| Tobacco - Harvested..... | 84 | 79 | 76 | 73 |

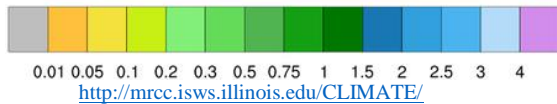
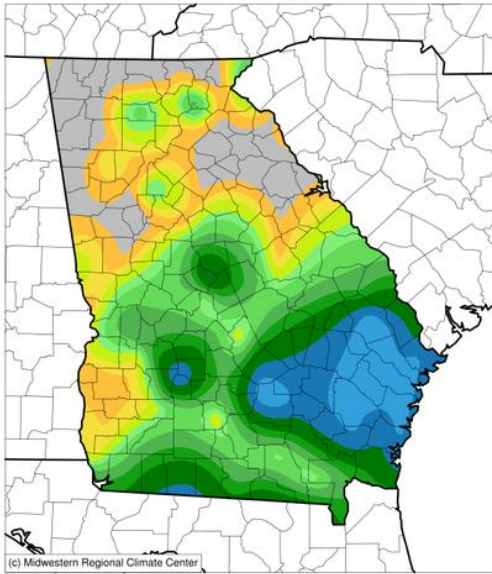
Conditions for Week Ending 08/27/17

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 2 | 19 | 68 | 11 |
| Cotton | 2 | 8 | 23 | 52 | 15 |
| Pasture and range..... | 2 | 7 | 27 | 58 | 6 |
| Peanuts..... | 0 | 5 | 18 | 53 | 24 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 4 | 25 | 66 | 4 |
| Soybeans..... | 1 | 3 | 20 | 65 | 11 |

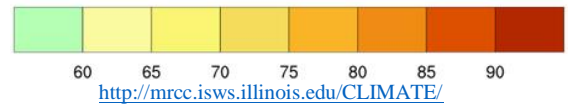
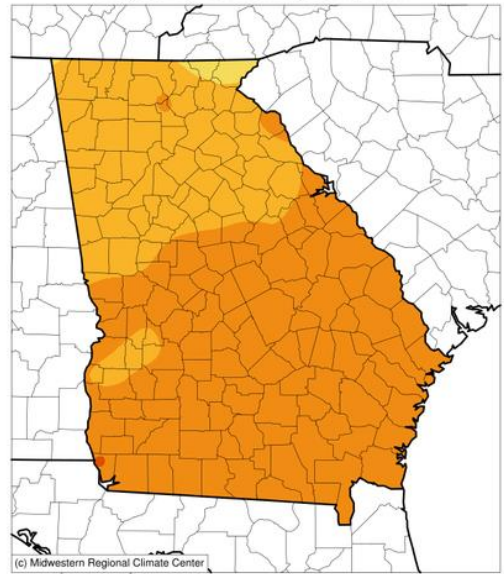
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/27/17

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 13 | 4 | 8 |
| Short..... | 43 | 31 | 31 |
| Adequate..... | 42 | 60 | 53 |
| Surplus..... | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short..... | 9 | 4 | 9 |
| Short..... | 35 | 26 | 30 |
| Adequate..... | 55 | 66 | 54 |
| Surplus..... | 1 | 4 | 7 |

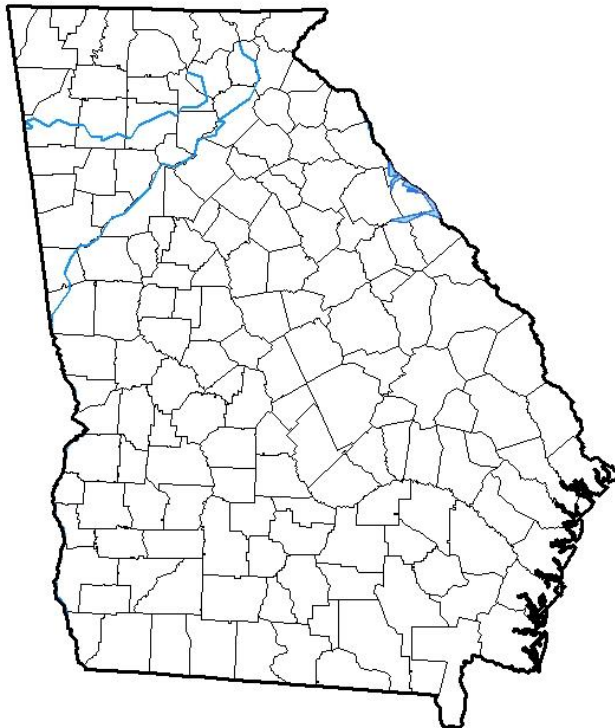
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 21, 2017 to August 27, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
August 21, 2017 to August 27, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



August 22, 2017
(Released Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 08-15-2017 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 05-23-2017 | 29.62 | 70.38 | 41.17 | 20.83 | 6.37 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017 | 11.31 | 88.69 | 73.48 | 39.33 | 19.28 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 09-27-2016 | 35.37 | 64.63 | 45.84 | 34.50 | 14.67 | 1.58 |
| One Year Ago 08-23-2016 | 26.02 | 73.98 | 48.97 | 28.68 | 5.92 | 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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