



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 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 3, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.1 inches of rain to 5.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Fall calving is underway for many producers. A few producers reported that armyworms are in their pastures. Rainfall at the end of the week was welcome and will help with finishing up soybeans and overseeding pastures, but it will delay finishing the corn harvest. Defoliation of the earliest soybeans should start in the next week or two.

Adam Speir, Madison County

Scattered rains were seen around the county, and more rain is still needed. Cotton is continuing to open and is being sprayed for whiteflies. Some soybean fields are being treated for stink bugs. Group 5 soybeans are nearing maturity. Haying is continuing. Some peanut fields are nearing maturity.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

The corn harvest is mostly over. The peanut harvest started late last week. A three-week dry spell ended this week. Heavily loaded dryland peanut fields started shutting down with many loose kernels needing harvest as soon as possible. Cotton is ready to defoliate in most fields, but it will have to wait on peanuts in most cases. Sorghum looks exceptional this year.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

As peanut and cotton fields are reaching the point of harvest, farmers are watching weather forecasts to determine harvest decisions.

Will Gay, Turner County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/03/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	83	72	83	76
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	98	96	100	99
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	34	21	46	38
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	20	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	2	NA	1	NA
Sorghum - Harvested	43	36	18	22
Soybeans - Blooming	95	93	95	NA
Soybeans - Setting Pods	85	77	87	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	13	2	13	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	87	84	83	81

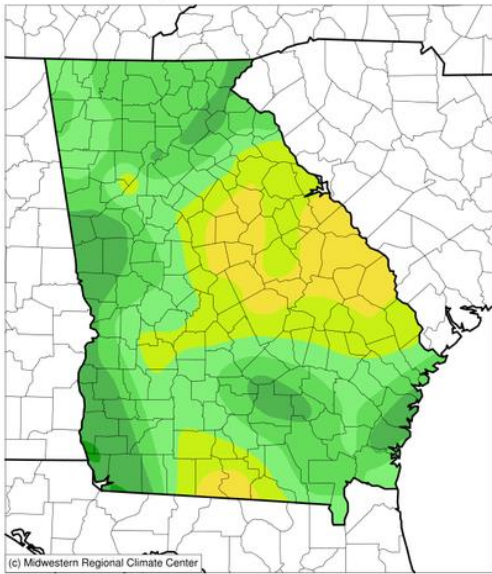
Conditions for Week Ending 09/03/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	21	65	11
Cotton	2	8	25	50	15
Pasture and range.....	2	7	26	58	7
Peanuts.....	0	5	17	53	25
Sorghum	1	5	23	66	5
Soybeans.....	1	4	23	63	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/03/17

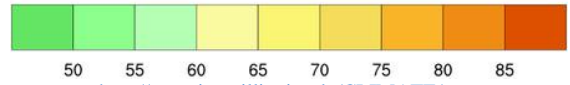
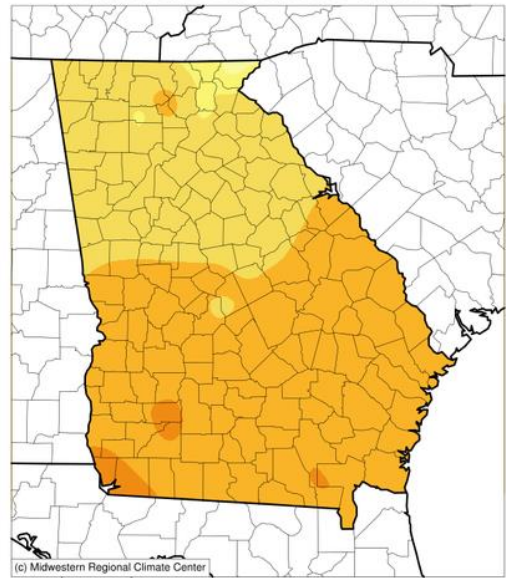
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	13	5
Short.....	33	43	27
Adequate.....	55	42	61
Surplus.....	5	2	7
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	9	7
Short.....	35	35	29
Adequate.....	58	55	59
Surplus.....	3	1	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 28, 2017 to September 03, 2017



<http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>

Average Temperature (°F)
August 28, 2017 to September 03, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

August 29, 2017

(Released Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.88	12.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-22-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-30-2017	45.17	54.83	33.29	17.49	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2017	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 08-30-2016	18.68	81.32	49.28	28.20	5.27	0.00

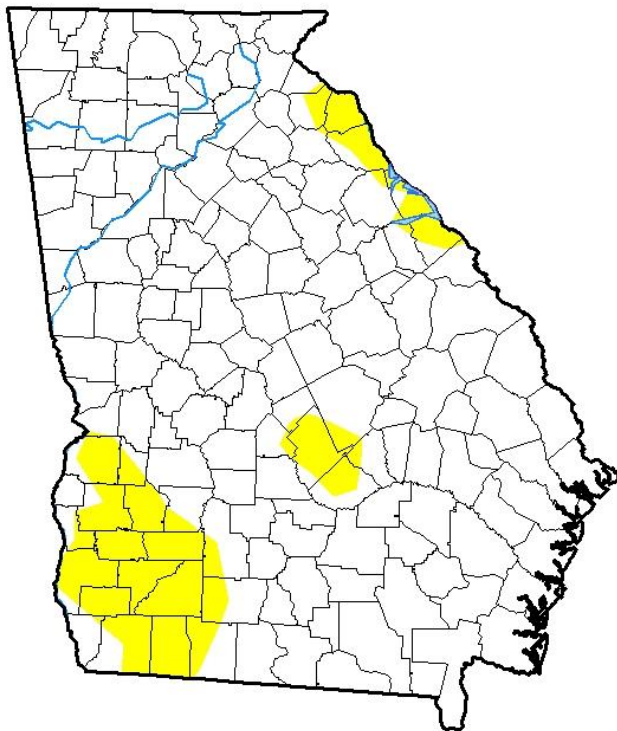
Intensity:

- 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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