



United States Department of Agriculture
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Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 10, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 5.4 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Hay cutting is ongoing. Growers are attempting to get it done before Irma arrives.

Brenda Jackson, Murray County

Jasper County had a fairly dry week. We already receiving precipitation from Irma on Sunday evening. Irma has caused everyone to bunker down and put their livestock in safe places for the next couple of days.

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County

Whitefly pressure is still extreme. Vegetable crops are full of viruses spread by whiteflies. Some fields are 100% virus infected and will not yield a crop. Peanut digging is under way, but progress has stopped ahead of Hurricane Irma. The pecan crop is extremely vulnerable to heavy winds at this point as the crop are weeks away from harvest.

Ty Torrance, Decatur County

Most of our cotton is ready to defoliate. Many of our dryland peanuts are coming loose in the hull, so they need to be dug in the next few days. However, with Hurricane Irma on the way, we are going to have significant delays, and we will definitely lose yield and quality because of it. Whiteflies are still hammering our cotton, and we cannot seem to get them under control. Also our pumpkin crop has been a complete loss from the viruses these whiteflies transmit. The whiteflies have too many plant hosts for adequate control with populations this large.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/10/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	87	83	91	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	51	34	66	53
Cotton - Harvested.....	0	NA	1	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	45	20	NA	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	9	2	8	5
Peanuts - Harvested.....	2	NA	3	2
Sorghum - Harvested.....	49	43	25	31
Soybeans - Setting Pods	89	85	92	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	21	13	25	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	90	87	89	86

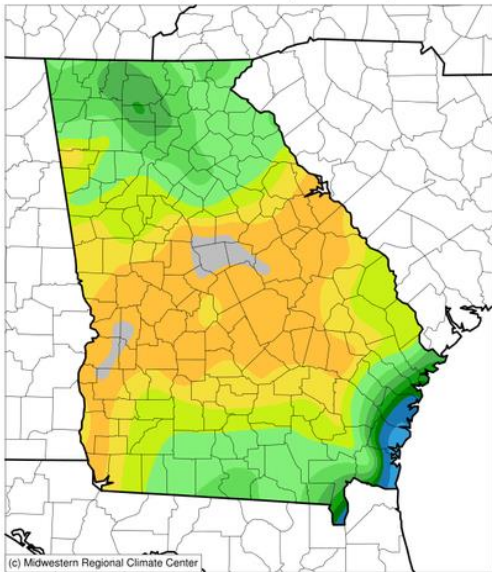
Conditions for Week Ending 09/10/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	4	20	64	12
Cotton	2	6	23	55	14
Pasture and range.....	3	9	25	56	7
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	52	24
Sorghum	1	7	20	61	11
Soybeans.....	0	5	23	62	10

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/10/17

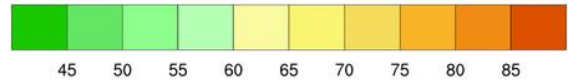
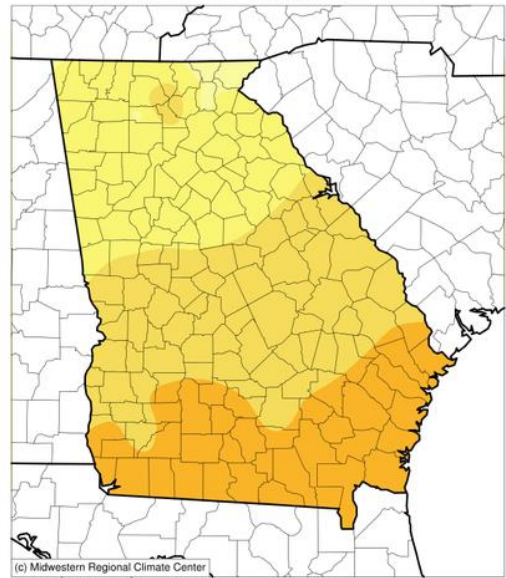
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	7	5
Short.....	34	33	31
Adequate.....	57	55	58
Surplus.....	2	5	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	4	7
Short.....	30	35	30
Adequate.....	62	58	58
Surplus.....	3	3	5

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 04, 2017 to September 10, 2017



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Average Temperature (°F)
September 04, 2017 to September 10, 2017



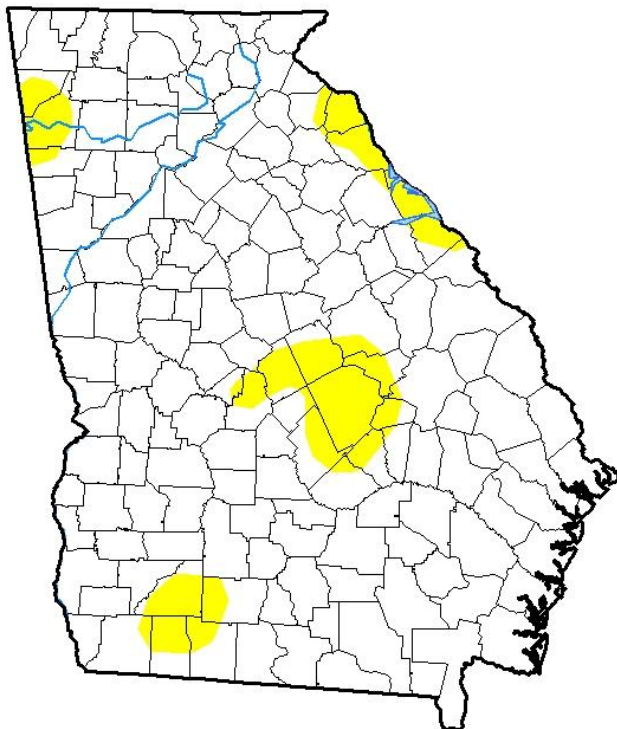
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 5, 2017

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.36	9.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-29-2017	87.88	12.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-06-2017	59.69	40.31	21.10	7.20	0.00	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 09-06-2016	41.84	58.16	39.80	27.26	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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