



**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 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 17, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.9 inches of rain to 10.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

**County Comments**

Hurricane Irma brought down lots of trees on pasture fences. Poultry houses fared well, besides losing power. Most got their generators running and were fine.

**Nathan Eason, White County**

Cotton and pecan crops took the brunt of the hurricane. Cotton is all twisted and blown down. The crop will be difficult to harvest, and much will be run over. Pecan nut drop and orchard damage will require extensive cleanup. Cotton loss is estimated at 20-25 percent, pecan loss is estimated at 30 percent.

**Brent Allen, Washington County**

Peanuts are starting to be dug and are looking very good. Cotton was blown down a little and tangled, but it fared the storm pretty well. A lot of early soybeans were harvested before the storm, and the rest fared well with very little blow down. Overall, the storm caused some damage to crops, primarily cotton, but the yield potentials are still very good.

**Andrew Warner, Seminole County**

Hurricane Irma laid down most of our cotton acres. They are a tangled mess. This will complicate defoliation and harvest. We hope plants will stand up some once defoliant is applied. Pecan orchards were also damaged significantly. A lot of trees are down, and many more have broken limbs. As much as 35 percent of nuts are on the ground. Soybeans and peanuts fared much better in the storm. As soon as fields dry out, peanut digging will be in full swing.

**Ronnie Barentine, Dooly County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/17/17**

| Crop stage                 | This week<br>(percent) | Prev week<br>(percent) | Prev year<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Corn - Harvested.....      | 95                     | 87                     | 95                     | 92                      |
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 65                     | 51                     | 78                     | 68                      |
| Cotton - Harvested.....    | 2                      | 0                      | 4                      | 2                       |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting.....     | 61                     | 45                     | NA                     | NA                      |
| Peanuts - Dug.....         | 14                     | 9                      | 16                     | 11                      |
| Peanuts - Harvested.....   | 6                      | 2                      | 8                      | 6                       |
| Sorghum - Harvested.....   | 60                     | 49                     | 35                     | 39                      |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods    | 94                     | 89                     | 95                     | NA                      |
| Soybeans - Dropping        |                        |                        |                        |                         |
| Leaves.....                | 29                     | 21                     | 39                     | NA                      |
| Tobacco - Harvested.....   | 96                     | 90                     | 94                     | 90                      |

**Conditions for Week Ending 09/17/17**

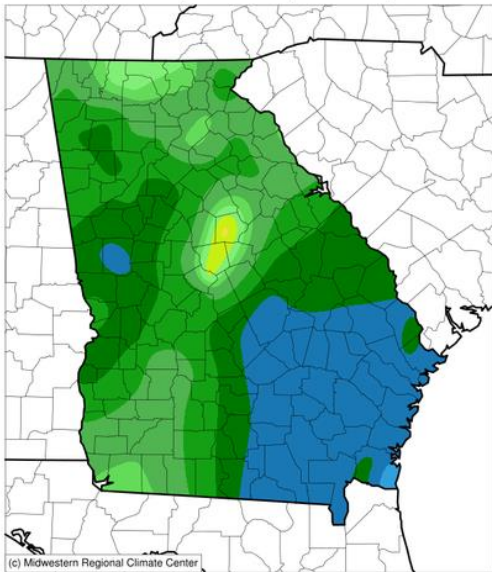
| Crop                   | Very poor<br>(percent) | Poor<br>(percent) | Fair<br>(percent) | Good<br>(percent) | Excellent<br>(percent) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle.....            | 0                      | 3                 | 22                | 62                | 13                     |
| Cotton.....            | 10                     | 21                | 26                | 38                | 5                      |
| Pasture and range..... | 2                      | 7                 | 27                | 57                | 7                      |
| Peanuts.....           | 1                      | 5                 | 19                | 54                | 21                     |
| Sorghum.....           | 1                      | 6                 | 28                | 57                | 8                      |
| Soybeans.....          | 2                      | 7                 | 27                | 56                | 8                      |

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/17/17**

| Topsoil         | This week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 0                      | 7                          | 5                       |
| Short.....      | 9                      | 34                         | 29                      |
| Adequate.....   | 72                     | 57                         | 60                      |
| Surplus.....    | 19                     | 2                          | 6                       |

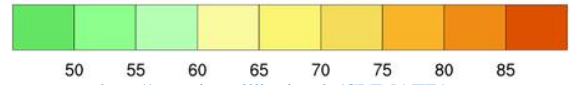
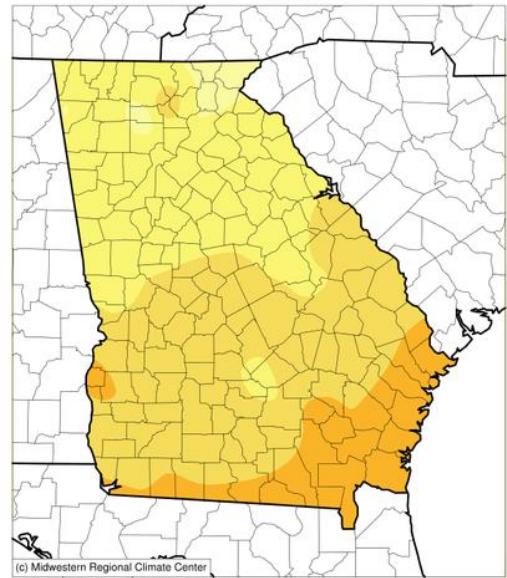
| Subsoil         | This week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | 5 Year avg<br>(percent) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short..... | 1                      | 5                          | 7                       |
| Short.....      | 11                     | 30                         | 29                      |
| Adequate.....   | 78                     | 62                         | 60                      |
| Surplus.....    | 10                     | 3                          | 4                       |

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



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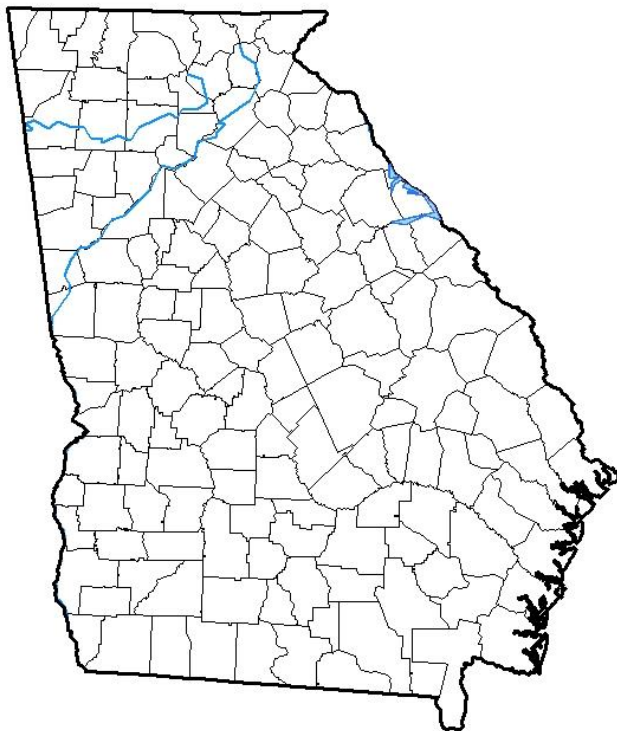
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 11, 2017 to September 17, 2017



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 12, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 14, 2017)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>09-05-2017              | 90.36  | 9.64  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>06-13-2017           | 62.83  | 37.17 | 16.60 | 2.39  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 11.31  | 88.69 | 73.48 | 39.33 | 19.28 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 35.37  | 64.63 | 45.84 | 34.50 | 14.67 | 1.58 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>09-13-2016           | 39.36  | 60.64 | 41.08 | 29.49 | 7.46  | 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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