



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 1, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Practically no rain fell during the last half of September. Thankfully, we have had good rain this year up until this point. Pastures are still holding up well, but could use some moisture in the next few weeks for planting fall cover crops and winter grazing.

Paul Pugliese, Bartow County

We are identifying and treating infestations of the May/June Beetle. It is causing some issues with cutting bermudagrass for hay; the entire plant comes out of the ground, almost like a carpet.

Trey Gafnea, Jasper County

We are well into peanut harvest. Grades have been great across the board, but some fields went Seg II from burrower bug damage. Cotton has been defoliated in many fields, and this was the first week that any significant acreage was harvested. Weather has been perfect for harvest. We are starting to get dry, however, and as much as rain would hurt cotton, some of our dryland peanuts that have not been harvested yet need some moisture to get them out of the ground with the inverter. Producers are still battling whiteflies in cotton that has not been defoliated yet.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Cotton harvest has shown high yield loss with cotton shedding bolls as the picker untangles plants. Losses from Hurricane Irma are expected to be higher than originally expected.

Blake Crabtree, Worth County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/01/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	84	78	89	84
Cotton - Harvested	11	6	12	8
Hay - 3rd Cutting	80	72	NA	NA
Oats - Planted	6	1	12	12
Peanuts - Dug	44	24	44	32
Peanuts - Harvested.....	29	13	26	19
Rye - Planted	13	3	7	12
Sorghum - Harvested	77	67	52	52
Soybeans - Setting Pods	98	97	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	51	40	61	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	14	4	13	NA

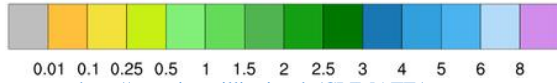
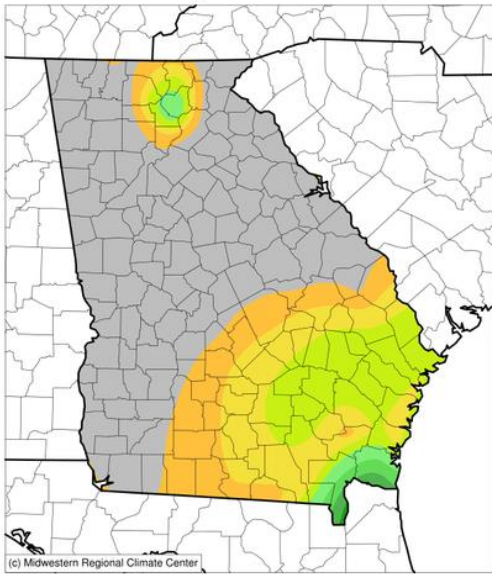
Conditions for Week Ending 10/01/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	22	64	11
Cotton	8	21	23	39	9
Pasture and range.....	2	6	30	57	5
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	55	21
Pecans.....	4	7	29	51	9
Soybeans.....	1	6	25	60	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/01/17

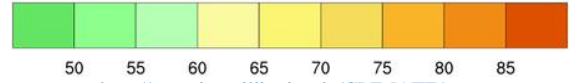
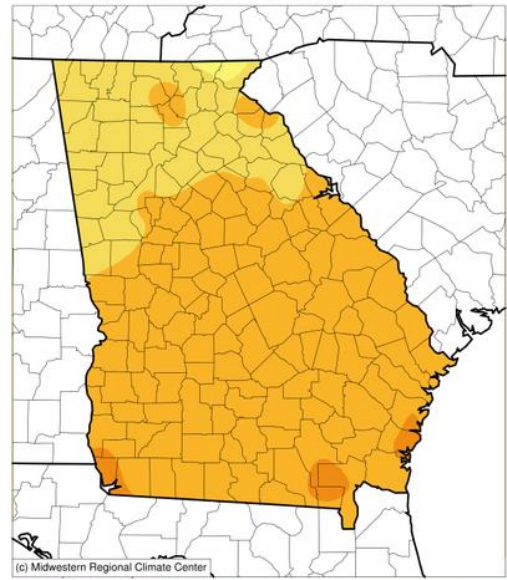
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	6	3	6
Short.....	42	20	25
Adequate.....	49	70	58
Surplus.....	3	7	11
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	2	8
Short.....	29	17	27
Adequate.....	66	78	59
Surplus.....	1	3	6

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 25, 2017 to October 01, 2017



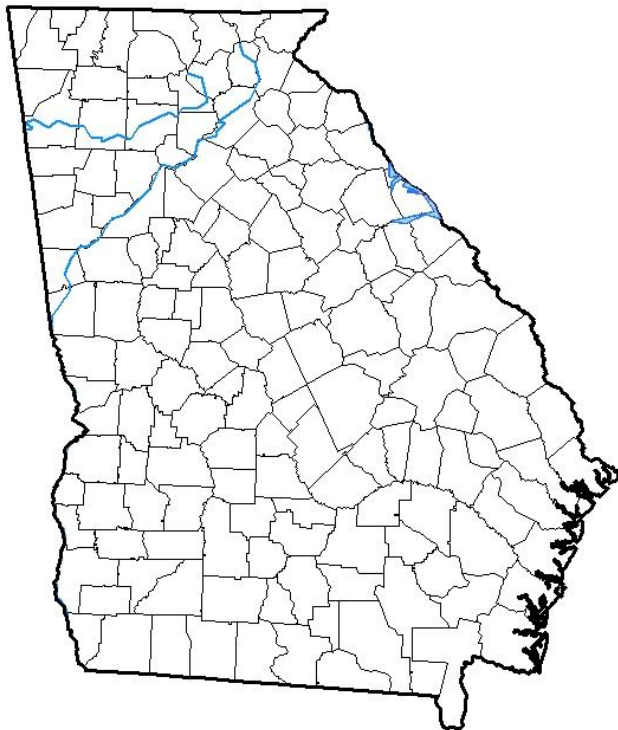
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Average Temperature (°F)
September 25, 2017 to October 01, 2017



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



September 26, 2017

(Released Thursday, Sep. 28, 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 09-19-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-27-2017	75.85	24.15	0.19	0.00	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 09-27-2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58

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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