



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 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 15, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no up to 3.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 90s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Hot conditions through Sunday. Rain early last week encouraged winter grazing planting to begin. Soybean harvest is slowly starting and producers are starting their last hay cutting. More rain is needed.

Wade Hutcheson, Spalding County

Scattered showers occurred during the week. Peanut and cotton harvesting continued. Peanut yields are up from last year. Soybeans dropping leaves and haying continued.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

Sporadic rain is preventing peanut harvest. The weather is also lowering the quality of our cotton because it is already opened. Pecan harvest has been delayed and slow going as well.

Ty Torrance, Grady County

Slight rains early in the week were significant enough to halt harvest in all areas. Peanuts are slowing down and cotton is in full harvest mode. Many acres have been defoliated but some heavy winds early on put the brakes on our crop dusters for a couple of afternoons. Soybeans really dropped a ton of leaves this week and the crop looks promising. Yield on irrigated peanuts is off from what we were all expecting, but the cotton fared better from the hurricane than originally thought.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	95	91	96	92
Cotton - Harvested.....	27	19	32	21
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	89	86	NA	NA
Oats - Planted.....	26	15	22	24
Peanuts - Dug.....	70	56	72	62
Peanuts - Harvested.....	54	41	55	45
Pecans - Harvested.....	12	3	7	8
Rye - Planted.....	31	22	19	26
Sorghum - Harvested.....	85	79	73	59
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	77	63	80	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	28	22	30	19
Winter wheat - Planted...	11	3	5	9

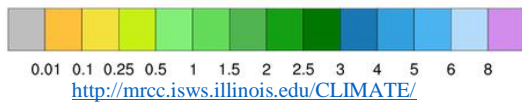
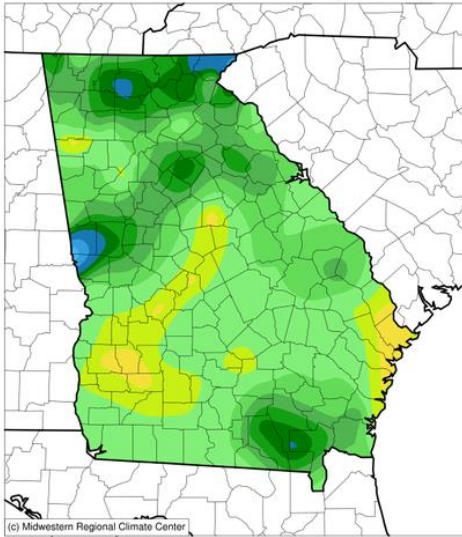
Conditions for Week Ending 10/15/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	22	62	13
Cotton.....	7	19	28	39	7
Pasture and range.....	2	9	34	51	4
Peanuts.....	1	6	17	52	24
Pecans.....	3	8	40	41	8
Soybeans.....	1	7	25	59	8

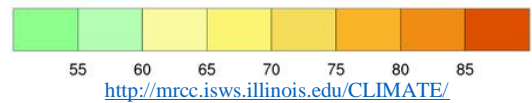
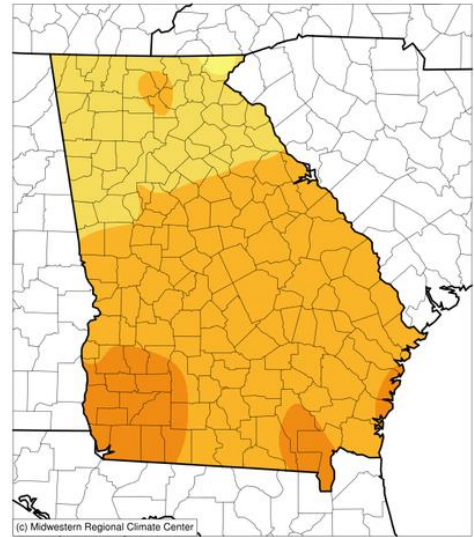
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/15/17

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	8	10	11
Short.....	35	38	29
Adequate.....	54	49	54
Surplus.....	3	3	6
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	8	10
Short.....	31	34	30
Adequate.....	60	57	56
Surplus.....	2	1	4

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
October 09, 2017 to October 15, 2017



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



October 10, 2017
(Released Thursday, Oct. 12, 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 10-03-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-11-2017	98.97	1.03	0.00	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 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-11-2016	38.04	61.96	55.33	42.63	23.12	3.61

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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