



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 2, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 3.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Lower rainfall totals in the last 30 days provided moderate relief for waterlogged fields, increasing optimism for late-season vegetable harvests. Ranchers scrambled to get hay cut. The wine grape harvest was in full swing. Specialty crop growers expressed hope that a dryer fall would make for a good pumpkin and fall tomato crop.

John Scaduto, Rabun County

The corn harvest neared completion. Soil moisture became critically low. Grass growth basically stopped, limiting pasture and hay production. If non-irrigated cotton and soybeans do not receive some rain soon, they will start shedding their crop.

Brent Allen, Washington County

Disease pressure in cotton increased with more incidences of areolate mildew. Late-season black aphid populations increased in some pecan orchards, leading to extra spraying for this pest and some spotty areas of scorch mite damage.

Joshua Grant, Crisp County

Scattered showers continued on an almost daily basis. Frequent rains have made for a very difficult season for hay producers; they have not been able to get the quality or quantity they need. Wet conditions delayed the final days of the corn harvest, so the quality of the remaining crop may be reduced. Prolonged moisture has caused heavy boll rot in cotton.

Ty Torrance, Grady County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/02/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	76	55	81	76
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	97	96	98	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	26	14	32	34
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	51	18	19	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	1	NA	2	1
Soybeans - Setting Pods	91	82	84	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	9	2	11	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	91	87	87	81

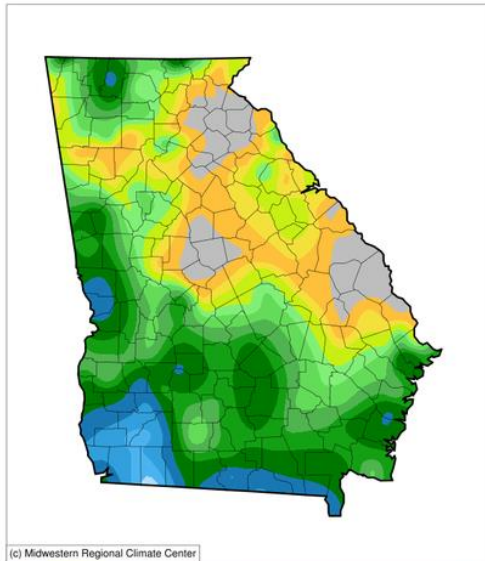
Conditions for Week Ending 09/02/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	27	59	11
Cotton	1	7	28	50	14
Pasture and range.....	1	5	31	54	9
Peanuts.....	1	4	17	57	21
Pecans.....	0	3	16	58	23
Soybeans.....	1	4	22	62	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/02/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	2	NA
Short.....	24	19	NA
Adequate.....	64	71	NA
Surplus.....	7	8	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	2	NA
Short.....	17	13	NA
Adequate.....	72	75	NA
Surplus.....	8	10	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 27, 2018 to September 02, 2018



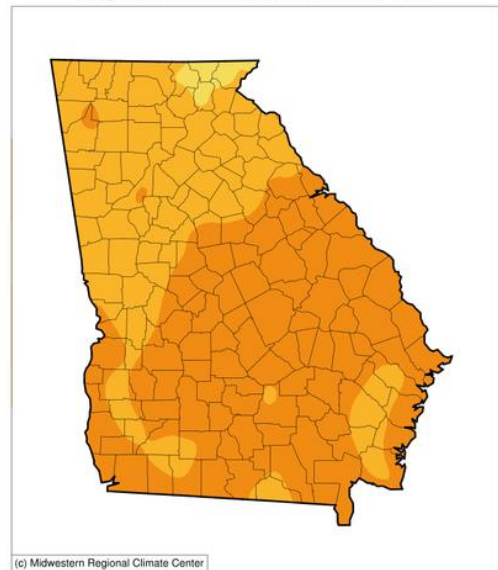
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Average Temperature (°F)
August 27, 2018 to September 02, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

August 28, 2018

(Released Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018)

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 <i>08-21-2018</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-29-2018</i>	99.17	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	12.14	87.86	40.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-29-2017</i>	87.88	12.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

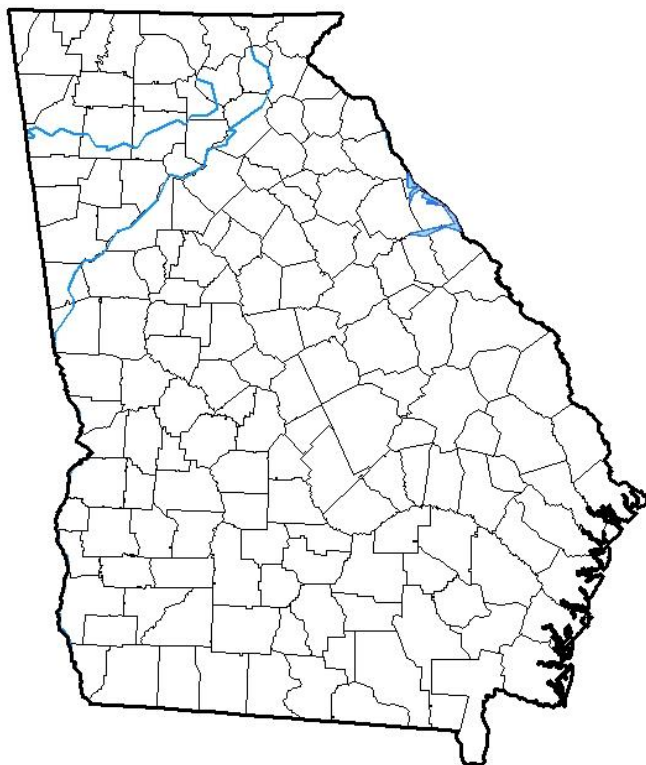
Intensity:

- 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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