



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 9, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 3.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 70s.

**County Comments**

Pasture conditions suffered greatly from lack of rain. Dryland cropland acres suffered, as much of those acres have poorer root systems from the heavy rains early in the growing season. Much of the irrigated acres developed areolate mildew, and many producers sprayed fungicides to protect against it.

**Pam Sapp, Jefferson County**

Sparse rain led to field conditions drying out during a critical period for dryland peanuts, soybeans, and later-planted cotton. Most irrigation systems ran constantly on peanuts. Pastures ceased to sustain needed feed amounts for cattle.

**Jason E. Mallard, Jenkins County**

Rain largely evaded us, so pivots ran in a lot of fields. We even ran pivots to soften the dirt to dig peanuts in places. Corn harvesting started to wrap up, and peanut harvesting started. Yield numbers on both corn and peanuts were average or better so far. Cotton was opening up, but none was defoliated yet.

**Cole Moon, Bleckley County**

When hull scraping peanuts, our 140-day-old peanut samples looked to be about 10 days later than normal, probably from wet, cool soils delaying fruit initiation early this summer. Peanuts looked to be a heavy crop around the tap roots, but there was not much of a limb crop this year. Cotton bolls popped open like crazy, and our first fields were defoliated this week. However, boll rot was prevalent in many fields. Soybeans looked pretty good so far. Overall, our crops looked really good.

**Seth McAllister, Terrell County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/09/18**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	87	76	86	85
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	40	26	49	51
Cotton - Harvested .....	0	NA	0	0
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	68	51	41	NA
Peanuts - Dug .....	4	1	8	5
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	2	1
Soybeans - Setting Pods	95	91	88	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	17	9	20	NA
Tobacco - Harvested.....	95	91	90	86

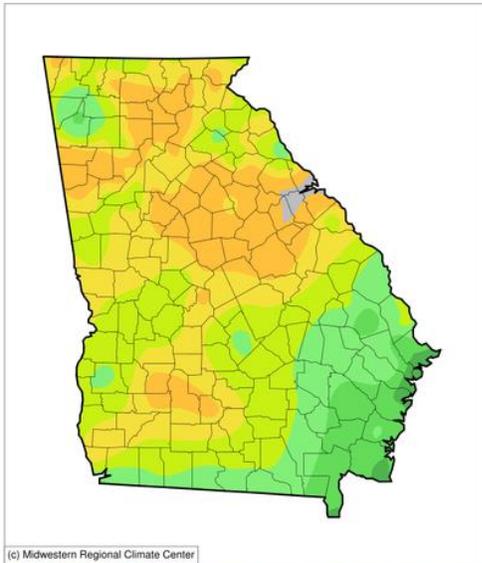
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/09/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	27	61	9
Cotton .....	1	8	29	50	12
Pasture and range.....	1	7	32	53	7
Peanuts.....	1	4	19	59	17
Pecans.....	0	3	16	59	22
Soybeans.....	1	4	25	59	11

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/09/18**

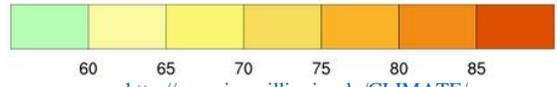
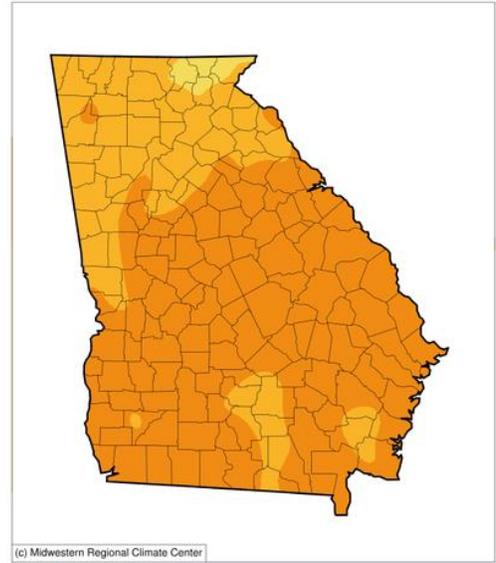
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	7	5	NA
Short.....	28	24	NA
Adequate.....	60	64	NA
Surplus.....	5	7	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	4	3	NA
Short.....	23	17	NA
Adequate.....	67	72	NA
Surplus.....	6	8	NA

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



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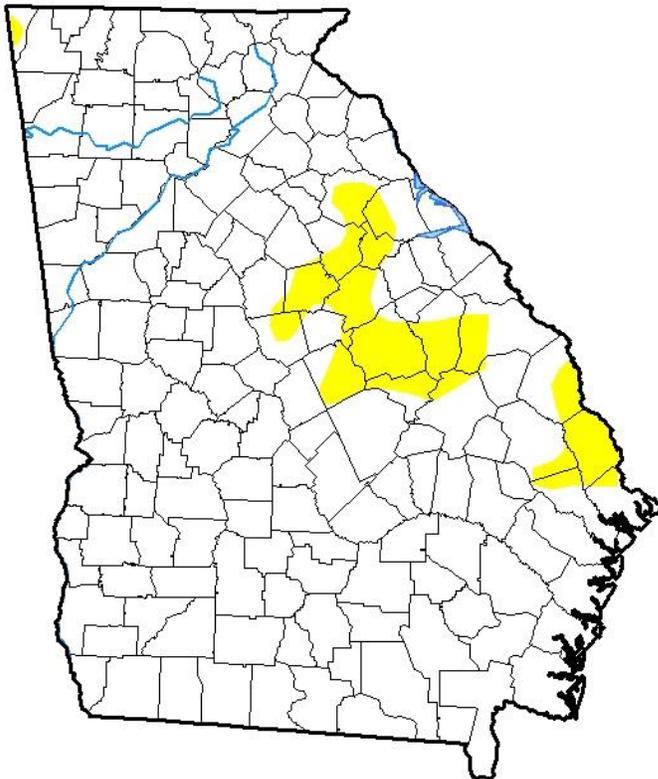
**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 03, 2018 to September 09, 2018



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 4, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 6, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	92.16	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-28-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-05-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	12.14	87.86	40.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-05-2017	90.36	9.64	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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