



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 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 16, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 4.3 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

The impacts of Hurricane Florence were very minimal; only cloud cover and light showers on Sunday. Producers were hoping to see greater rainfall to help boost hay fields and pastures.

Caitlin Bennett, Monroe County

We are in need of some rainfall in our area. A good bit of hay fields and pastures have been hit with bermudagrass stem maggot and armyworms.

Hailey Robinson, Lamar County

Peanuts are being dug and picked. Dry weather has continued to be a problem for the plows. The first defoliant was sold last week, and I expect some cotton to be sprayed this week. Hay fields and grazing fields have taken a hit from the dry weather, and there will not be much to the final hay cutting.

Cole Moon, Bleckley County

Significantly more peanuts were dug this week compared to last week, and the crop looks to be a good one so far. Cotton bolls were opening last week and we have had several fields defoliated, but the leaves have not dropped yet. Soybeans are loaded with pods, but they do not look to be as filled out as we would hope for in a bumper crop. Disease pressure is really starting to show up in our peanut crop and vines that looked fine a week ago are starting to crash.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/16/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	92	87	94	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	55	40	63	66
Cotton - Harvested.....	1	0	2	1
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	79	68	59	NA
Peanuts - Dug.....	9	4	13	10
Peanuts - Harvested.....	3	1	5	4
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	32	17	28	NA

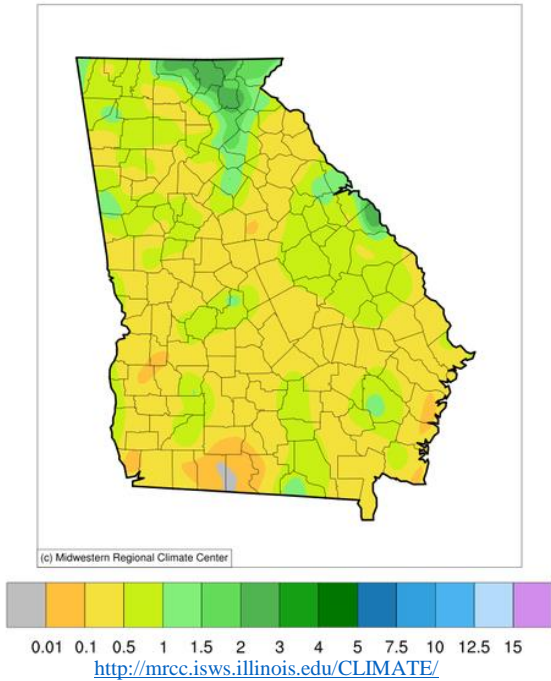
Conditions for Week Ending 09/16/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	3	29	58	10
Cotton	0	8	28	53	11
Pasture and range.....	1	9	35	49	6
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	60	16
Pecans.....	1	3	14	61	21
Soybeans.....	1	5	27	57	10

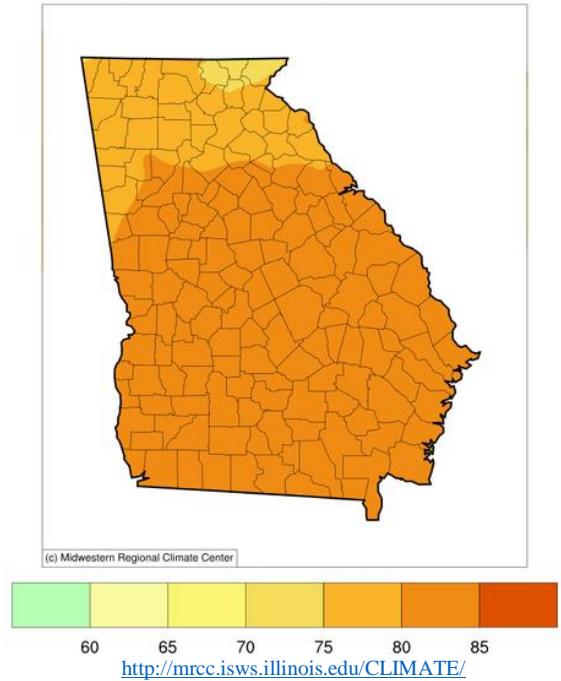
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/16/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	7	NA
Short.....	36	28	NA
Adequate.....	53	60	NA
Surplus.....	2	5	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	4	NA
Short.....	30	23	NA
Adequate.....	62	67	NA
Surplus.....	2	6	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018

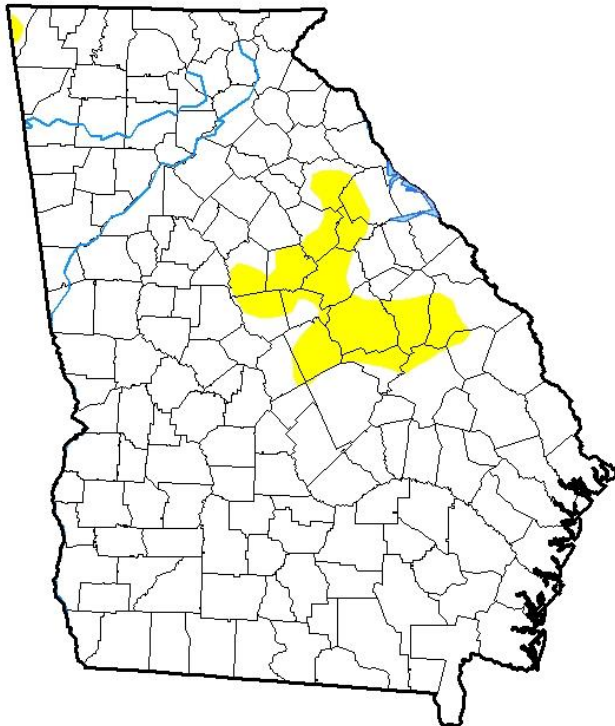


Average Temperature (°F)
September 10, 2018 to September 16, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 11, 2018
(Released Thursday, Sep. 13, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.01	6.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-04-2018	92.16	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-12-2018	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	12.14	87.86	40.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-12-2017	100.00	0.00	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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