



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, September 30, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 10.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

County Comments

We finally received some decent rainfall. Calving season was in full swing. Soybean harvest was going well. Most early indeterminate beans were picked, and yields were excellent in some places. Yields on later determinate beans will not be as high because of drought conditions this past month.

Adam Speir, Madison County

Farmers were having trouble getting the third cutting of hay because of a lack of rain. Pecan phylloxera was abundant in the county this year, so it looks like we will have a mediocre crop of pecans.

Charlie Todd, Jasper County

Soil moisture remained very dry. The soil was too dry to even do maturity checks on dryland peanuts. Dryland cotton, peanuts, and soybeans looked to be in very poor condition. Since grass stopped growing, cattle producers fed hay.

Brent Allen, Washington County

The peanut harvest continued this week. Yields in dryland fields were really good for our soil types, but the dry conditions made it almost impossible to dig peanuts at this time. Irrigated yields seemed to be lower than expected this year, but grades continued to be in the upper 70s across the board. Soybeans were rapidly dropping leaves and should be ready to pick in a couple of weeks. Cotton defoliation was going out across vast acreage, and we started picking some fields this week. Our crop looks really good so far. We have been getting desperately dry though.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/30/18

| Crop stage | This week (percent) | Prev week (percent) | Prev year (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cotton - Bolls Opening ... | 82 | 69 | 83 | 83 |
| Cotton - Harvested | 6 | 2 | 10 | 8 |
| Hay - 3rd Cutting | 89 | 86 | 79 | NA |
| Oats - Planted | 3 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Peanuts - Dug | 39 | 22 | 41 | 31 |
| Peanuts - Harvested | 25 | 11 | 27 | 18 |
| Rye - Planted | 3 | 1 | 12 | 11 |
| Soybeans - Dropping Leaves | 58 | 44 | 49 | NA |
| Soybeans - Harvested | 11 | 5 | 13 | 9 |

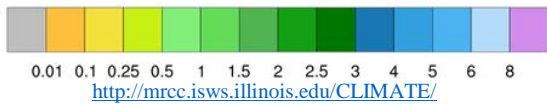
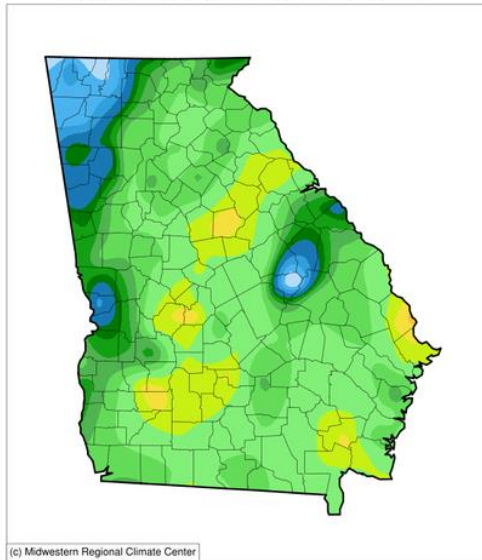
Conditions for Week Ending 09/30/18

| Crop | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Cattle | 0 | 3 | 29 | 59 | 9 |
| Cotton | 0 | 9 | 29 | 50 | 12 |
| Pasture and range | 2 | 13 | 33 | 48 | 4 |
| Peanuts | 1 | 6 | 19 | 58 | 16 |
| Pecans | 1 | 5 | 15 | 51 | 28 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 9 | 29 | 54 | 7 |

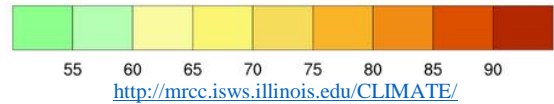
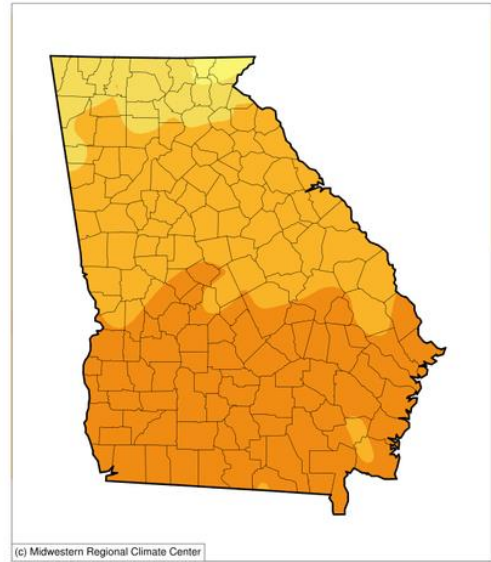
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/30/18

| Topsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Very short | 14 | 16 | NA |
| Short | 35 | 45 | NA |
| Adequate | 49 | 38 | NA |
| Surplus | 2 | 1 | NA |
| Subsoil | This week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | 5 Year avg (percent) |
| Very short | 12 | 12 | NA |
| Short | 32 | 39 | NA |
| Adequate | 55 | 48 | NA |
| Surplus | 1 | 1 | NA |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018

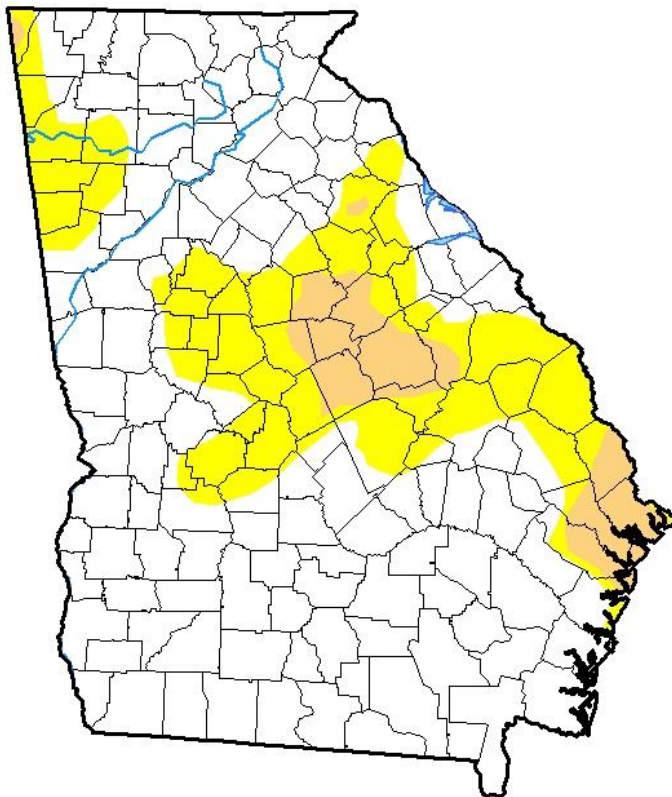


Average Temperature (°F)
September 24, 2018 to September 30, 2018



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 25, 2018
(Released Thursday, Sep. 27, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 70.95 | 29.05 | 6.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 09-18-2018 | 82.71 | 17.29 | 1.90 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 06-26-2018 | 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 09-26-2017 | 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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