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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 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 07, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 3.57 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

High temperatures most every day. Dry conditions favored more hay making along with corn and soybean harvesting.

Wade Hutcheson, Walker County

Most beans and corn have been harvested. Abnormally high temperatures with dry conditions have everyone waiting on potential rain before most winter annual plantings. Calving is in full swing.

Adam Speir, Madison County

Dry conditions persist. Many cattle producers are already feeding hay due to the lack of rain. Dryland soybeans continue to go backwards, and late planted corn is struggling. I estimate we lost a couple hundred pounds on early planted cotton, and soybean yields will be reduced greatly due to the lack of rain in September. Late planted peanuts have also suffered with yield, grade, and harvest efficiency affected by the drought.

Jeff Cook, Taylor County

Dry conditions have been excellent for cotton harvest and many peanuts have been picked at this point, but some fields remain too dry to dig. Yields have been excellent on early planted cotton and peanuts, but they should start dropping on our later planted crops due to the dry conditions in September. Soybeans dropped leaves heavily this week, and some should be ready to pick early next week. No winter grains have been planted yet due to the dry weather in September.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/07/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	88	82	90	88
Cotton - Harvested.....	12	6	18	14
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	93	89	85	NA
Oats - Planted.....	7	3	14	16
Peanuts - Dug.....	55	39	54	45
Peanuts - Harvested.....	38	25	39	30
Pecans - Harvested.....	3	NA	3	3
Rye - Planted.....	9	3	21	18
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	72	58	61	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	20	11	21	15
Winter wheat - Planted...	1	NA	3	5

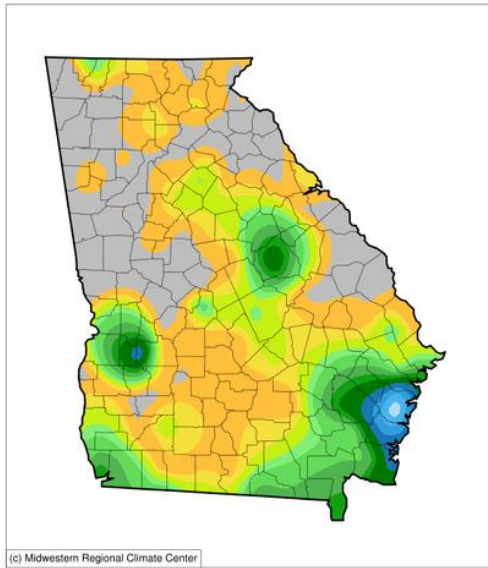
Conditions for Week Ending 10/07/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	32	56	9
Cotton.....	1	8	32	48	11
Pasture and range.....	2	15	36	43	4
Peanuts.....	1	5	21	57	16
Pecans.....	0	4	17	57	22
Soybeans.....	3	9	29	53	6

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/07/18

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	14	14	NA
Short.....	43	35	NA
Adequate.....	42	49	NA
Surplus.....	1	2	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	13	12	NA
Short.....	36	32	NA
Adequate.....	50	55	NA
Surplus.....	1	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 01, 2018 to October 07, 2018



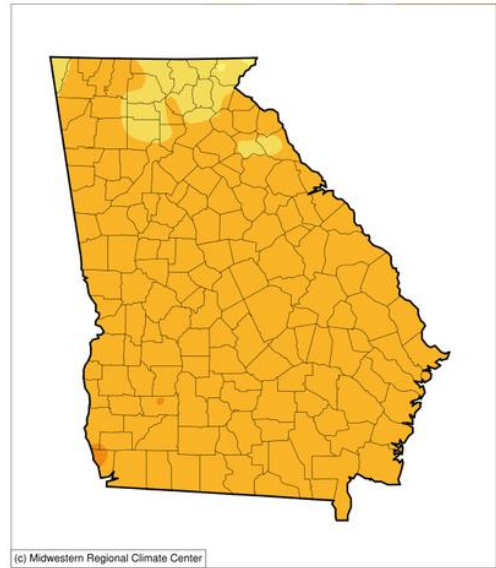
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Average Temperature (°F)
October 01, 2018 to October 07, 2018



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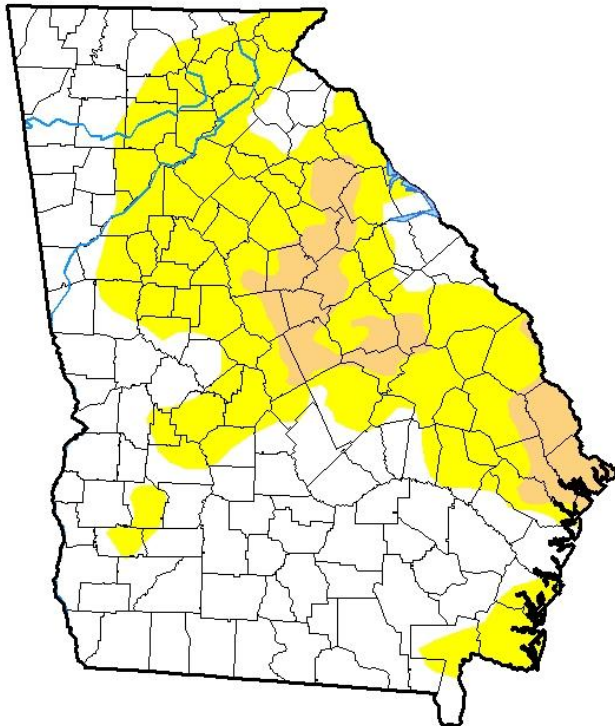


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 2, 2018
(Released Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.52	45.48	8.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-25-2018	70.95	29.05	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-03-2018	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 09-25-2018	70.95	29.05	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-03-2017	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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