



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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 14, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.2 inches of rain to 6.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the low 70s.

County Comments

Hurricane Michael devastated our crops, particularly cotton and pecans. Cotton damage varied from field to field. If the cotton was defoliated and/or opened, it took a major loss. The ground was covered with lint. Younger cotton with leaves on it did not lose as much, but the wind twisted it up, which will cause problems with defoliating and harvesting. A large majority of pecans blew from the trees, and many trees blew over. Harvest resumed in cotton, peanuts, and soybeans as farmers tried to recover.

Cole Moon, Bleckley County

Dry conditions led up to Hurricane Michael. Pastures were in poor condition earlier than normal. Pecan orchards did not lose many trees, but limb and debris cleanup will be costly and delay harvest by at least a week. Defoliated cotton sustained losses upwards of 50-60% in some areas of the county while cotton that had not been defoliated lost up to 30-40%. Grade will be an issue also. What was left on the plant was barely hanging on. Another rain before harvesting will be detrimental.

Pam Sapp, Jefferson County

Hurricane Michael increased moisture, but damaged cotton by blowing the lint onto the ground. Peanuts were not harmed as much, but harvest will be delayed a few days. Moisture will allow planting of winter grazing and winter crops that has been delayed by dry conditions.

Jason E. Mallard, Jenkins County

Vegetable field losses were at a devastating level. Many fall vegetables were ready for harvest when the storm hit.

Scott Carlson, Tift County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	92	88	94	92
Cotton - Harvested	20	12	26	21
Hay - 3rd Cutting	95	93	89	NA
Oats - Planted	13	7	24	24
Peanuts - Dug	67	55	68	60
Peanuts - Harvested	51	38	52	43
Pecans - Harvested	5	3	11	8
Rye - Planted	14	9	30	26
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	85	72	75	NA
Soybeans - Harvested	25	20	27	21
Winter wheat - Planted ...	2	1	10	8

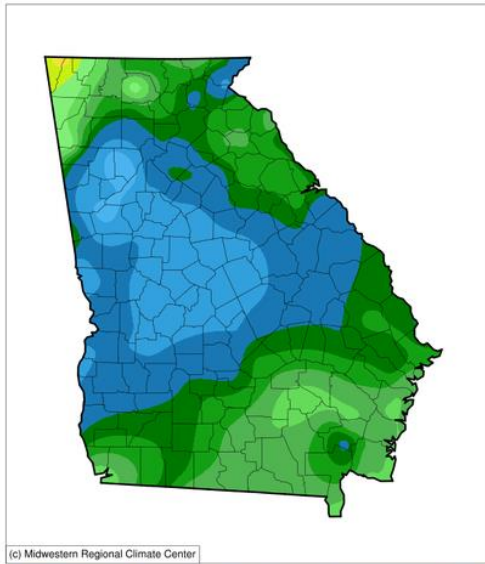
Conditions for Week Ending 10/14/18

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	3	28	58	10
Cotton	29	25	30	15	1
Pasture and range	2	12	36	46	4
Peanuts	3	14	32	44	7
Pecans	13	25	26	32	4
Soybeans	5	16	34	42	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/14/18

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	14	NA
Short	12	43	NA
Adequate	72	42	NA
Surplus	15	1	NA
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	13	NA
Short	18	36	NA
Adequate	70	50	NA
Surplus	9	1	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 08, 2018 to October 14, 2018



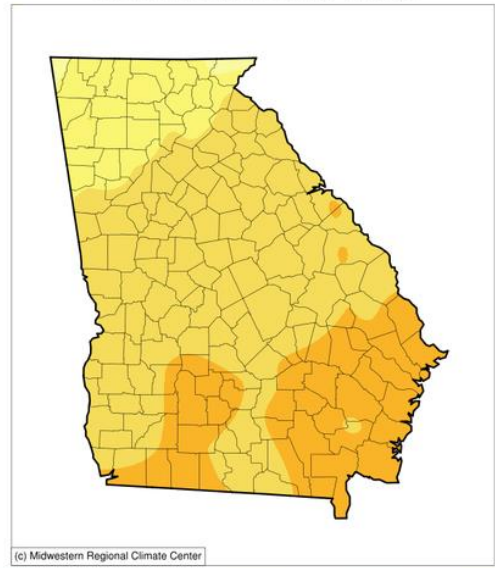
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Average Temperature (°F)
October 08, 2018 to October 14, 2018



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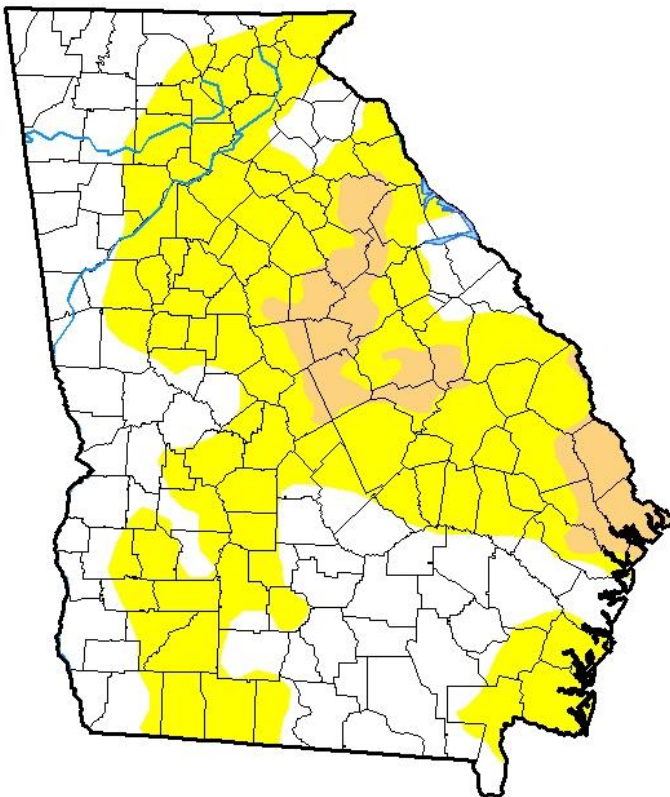


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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 9, 2018
(Released Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.59	57.41	8.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-02-2018	54.52	45.48	8.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-10-2018	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 10-10-2017	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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