



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, October 28, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 30s to the mid 60s.

County Comments

Cool-season pastures were growing abundantly. Cattle was in good condition on all that grass. Little hay has been fed thus far. Calving continued.

Wade Hutcheson, Walker County

Cotton harvesting was well underway. Cotton that was not picked before the hurricane had yield losses of 20-60%. Peanut harvesting was moving along. Yields and quality suffered from drought conditions from August to present. Livestock producers fed hay because of grass shortages. Winter grazing started to emerge but grow slowly. Pecan orchards were full of trash from the hurricane, requiring significantly more labor to prepare for harvest. Nuts on ground were green and had high moisture, so they will have to be cleaned and dried.

Brent Allen, Washington County

Our best cotton crop ever was reduced to about a bale per acre on irrigated and dryland fields alike. Fields were covered with lint, and cotton began sprouting in the middle of the rows. Peanut yield losses during digging were estimated at upwards of a thousand pounds per acre either from delayed digging or from defoliation that was caused by a combination of disease and high winds during the storm. Our pecan orchards are only a remnant of what they were.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Farmers were still recovering from the hurricane, but resumed harvesting peanuts and cotton. Pecan producers were doing their best to clean up and harvest simultaneously to protect the quality of the crop that was already on the ground.

Ty Torrance, Grady County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/28/18

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	97	95	98	97
Cotton - Harvested	42	29	45	43
Oats - Planted	30	22	47	44
Peanuts - Dug	87	79	89	85
Peanuts - Harvested	72	63	77	71
Pecans - Harvested	17	11	25	21
Rye - Planted	31	21	47	47
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	94	91	93	NA
Soybeans - Harvested ...	42	32	47	38
Winter wheat - Planted ...	10	6	18	17

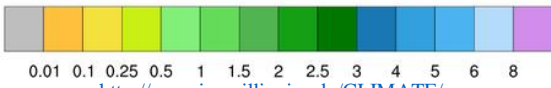
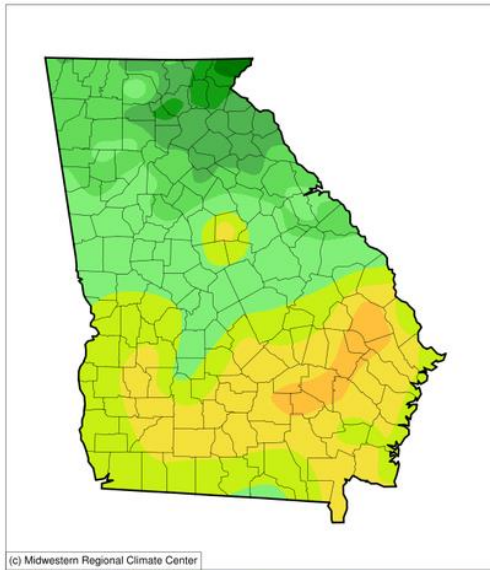
Conditions for Week Ending 10/28/18

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	3	28	57	11
Cotton	27	19	33	19	2
Pasture and range	3	9	38	46	4
Pecans	31	15	30	24	0
Soybeans	5	13	34	45	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/28/18

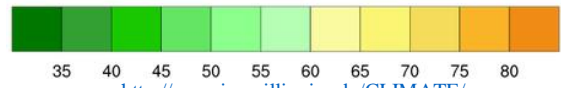
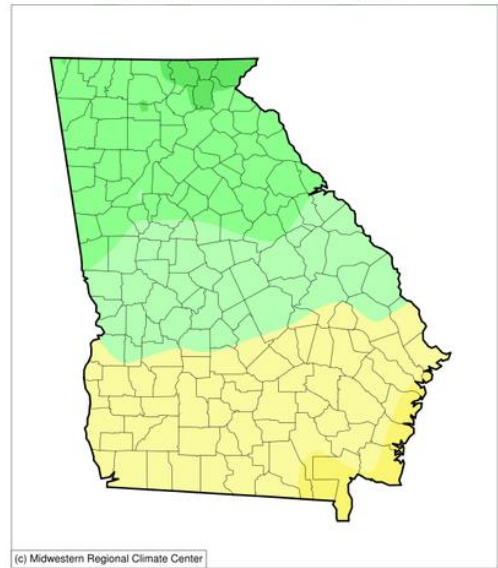
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	4	2	NA
Short	21	17	NA
Adequate	71	77	NA
Surplus	4	4	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short	4	3	NA
Short	23	20	NA
Adequate	70	73	NA
Surplus	3	4	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



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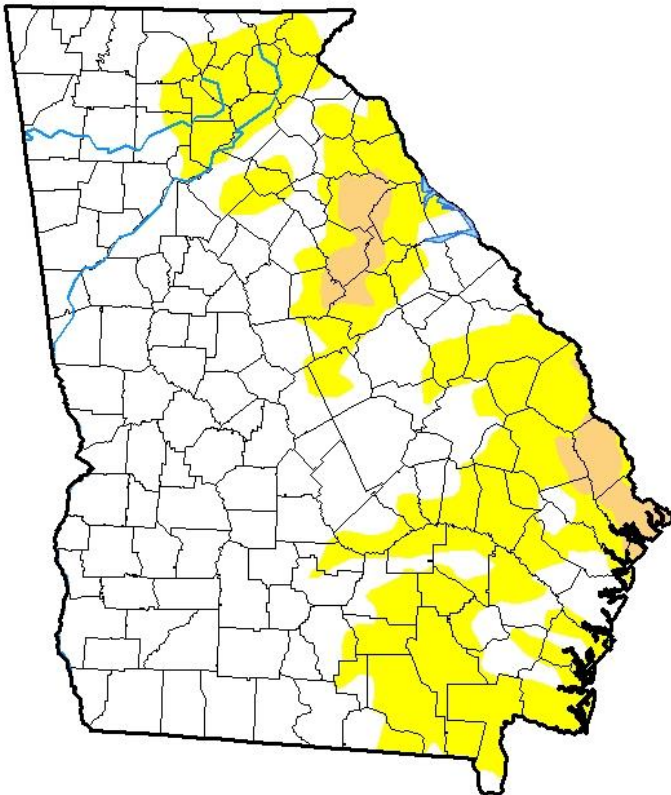
Average Temperature (°F)
October 22, 2018 to October 28, 2018



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

October 23, 2018
(Released Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.79	33.21	3.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-16-2018</i>	76.18	23.82	3.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2018</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	12.14	87.86	40.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i>	70.95	29.05	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-24-2017</i>	83.40	16.60	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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