

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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 28, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 2.17 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Soil moisture conditions continued to deteriorate due to lack of rain. Spotty showers across the county had some folks in decent shape, but most soils were very dry. Bermudagrass stem maggots arrived in full force.

Ryan Brown, Meriwether County

Dry conditions continued around the county in spite of rainfall that occurred during the week. Dryland cotton bloomed out the top but no open cotton bolls yet. Peanuts were setting pods. Most corn fields were at or approaching maturity. Growers finally got a chance to turn off irrigation systems on corn. Soybeans were growing although dryland beans looked rough. Cattlemen stocked up on hay. Some will have to buy hay for use this winter. Hay and pastures suffered without rain.

Raymond Joyce, Laurens County

We finally got some rain this past week but it was pretty scattered. After we dried back out, many growers started corn harvest. Moisture levels were still high in corn, but it was being dried down at the elevators. Cotton looked great and showed a heavy crop load. Peanuts also looked very good, we may have a good harvest yet.

Seth McAllister, Terrell County

Cotton crop was progressing fast. Hay growers were cutting hay and spraying for stem maggots. Corn crop was reaching maturity.

Jeremy Kichler, Colquitt County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/28/19

| Crop stage | This week | Prev week | Prev year | 5 Year avg | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | |
| Corn - Mature | 66 | 55 | 63 | NA | |
| Corn - Harvested | 3 | NA | 3 | 3 | |
| Cotton - Squaring | 95 | 90 | 92 | 94 | |
| Cotton - Setting Bolls | 72 | 60 | 63 | 67 | |
| Hay - 2nd Cutting | 86 | 77 | 82 | 81 | |
| Peaches - Harvested | 92 | 87 | 79 | 89 | |
| Peanuts - Pegging | 96 | 92 | 93 | 92 | |
| Soybeans - Blooming | 67 | 56 | 61 | NA | |
| Soybeans - Setting Pods | 35 | 21 | 29 | NA | |
| Tobacco - Topped | 91 | 86 | NA | NA | |
| Tobacco - Harvested | 38 | 28 | 53 | 38 | |

Conditions for Week Ending 07/28/19

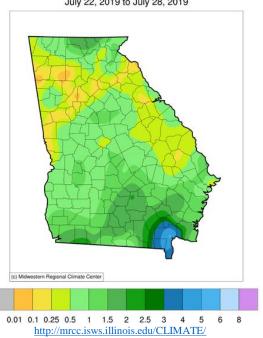
| Crop | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cattle | 0 | 5 | 24 | 63 | 8 |
| Corn | 6 | 10 | 23 | 46 | 15 |
| Cotton | 3 | 7 | 29 | 51 | 10 |
| Pasture and range | 3 | 12 | 38 | 43 | 4 |
| Peanuts | 1 | 4 | 26 | 58 | 11 |
| Soybeans | 2 | 9 | 37 | 47 | 5 |
| Tobacco | 1 | 2 | 30 | 58 | 9 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/28/19

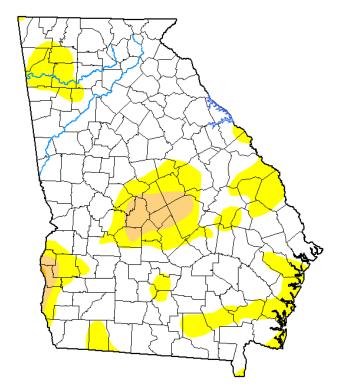
| Topsoil | This week | Previous week |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 10 34 52 4 | 8 32 53 7 |
| Subsoil | This week | Previous week |
| | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very shortShortAdequateSurplus | 7 33 59 1 | 5 28 64 3 |

Accumulated Precipitation (in)

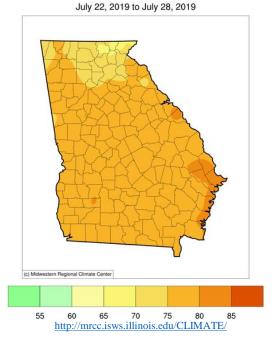
July 22, 2019 to July 28, 2019



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



Average Temperature (°F)



July 23, 2019 (Released Thursday, Jul. 25, 2019) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 75.31 | 24.69 | 4.05 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 07-16-2019 | 71.78 | 28.22 | 5.37 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Month's Ago 04-23-2019 | 30.57 | 69.43 | 7.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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 07-24-2018 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| <u>intensity:</u> | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None | D2 Severe Drought |
| D0 Abnormally Dry | D3 Extreme Drought |
| D1 Moderate 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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