



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 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 22, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

**County Comments**

Extremely dry conditions delayed the applications of fertilizer and pre-emergent herbicides to fall forages. Rain is badly needed. Soybeans were nearly completely defoliated, which is the earliest this reporter has seen.

**Keith Mickler, Floyd County**

Conditions remained extremely dry with no significant rainfall occurring for several weeks. This has put a serious strain on our grazing pastures. Many producers began to feed hay to their herds already, which is very concerning this early in the fall.

**Thad Glenn, Stephens County**

Dry weather stopped the peanut harvest and slowed down cotton defoliation. Ponds were drying up. Even irrigated fields began to show signs of drought stress due to the heat and extremely dry conditions. Dryland cotton appeared done for, soybeans began dropping leaves and shedding pods prematurely, and many dryland peanuts will likely not be harvested due to the lack of a crop. Many peanut fields were being watered to facilitate harvesting.

**Jeff Cook, Peach County**

Some areas of the county received rainfall, while others did not. The county remained collectively very dry. While this is the optimal time for planting winter grazing crops, the drought stress prevented those acres from being successfully planted.

**Ty Torrance, Grady County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/22/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	95	93	95	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	81	70	67	77
Cotton - Harvested.....	10	4	2	4
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	82	76	85	NA
Oats - Planted.....	0	NA	1	4
Peanuts - Dug.....	28	14	20	20
Peanuts - Harvested.....	14	5	10	10
Rye - Planted.....	2	NA	1	3
Soybeans - Setting Pods	96	93	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	48	31	42	NA
Soybeans - Harvested....	3	NA	4	4
Tobacco - Harvested.....	97	94	NA	NA

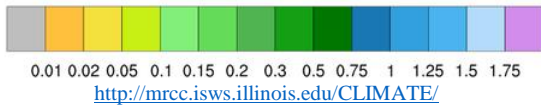
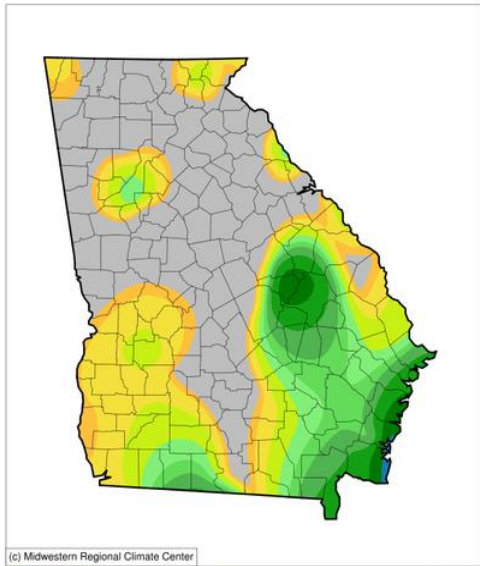
**Conditions for Week Ending 09/22/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	10	28	56	5
Cotton.....	3	9	30	49	9
Pasture and range.....	10	31	35	22	2
Peanuts.....	1	10	27	53	9
Pecans.....	1	18	18	56	7
Soybeans.....	6	16	40	35	3

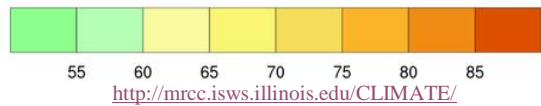
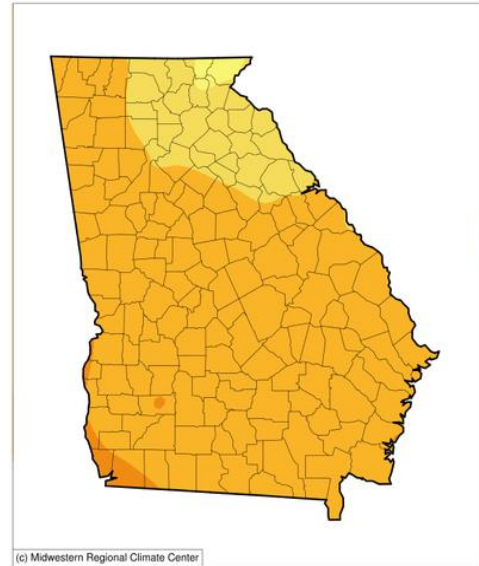
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/22/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	40	29
Short.....	48	44
Adequate.....	12	26
Surplus.....	0	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short.....	30	20
Short.....	47	43
Adequate.....	23	37
Surplus.....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 16, 2019 to September 22, 2019

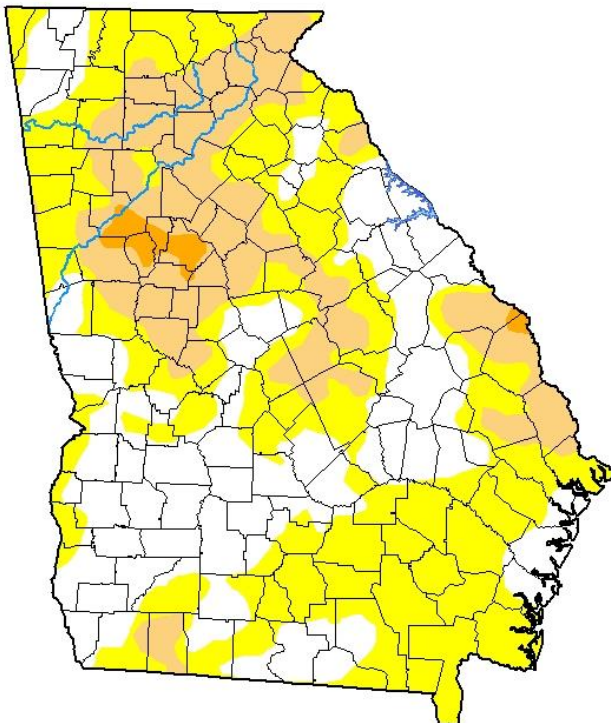


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 16, 2019 to September 22, 2019



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**September 17, 2019**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 19, 2019)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	35.09	64.91	22.42	1.33	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-10-2019	59.56	40.44	10.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-18-2019	50.93	49.07	22.15	2.15	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	70.95	29.05	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-18-2018	82.71	17.29	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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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