



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 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 20, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from trace amounts of rain to 7.94 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 60s.

**County Comments**

The county received much appreciated rainfall, but it may have only settled the dust. Fortunately with cooler temperatures, the moisture did not evaporate too quickly. Farmers were still feeding hay from winter storage, which may result in a shortage later. Some crop yields were compromised by the drought.

**Greg Bowman, Gordon County**

The much needed rain received should help farmers resume harvesting cotton and peanuts.

**Jeff Cook, Macon County**

We received much needed rainfall. It is too late to green pastures for another cutting, which will make finding quality hay a challenge this winter. Producers harvested much cotton and peanuts, but with the additional rain in the forecast, it may be a while before they can get back in to the fields. No significant damage to cotton yields and quality have been reported so far, but producers are anxious to get it out of the fields as soon as possible.

**Cole Moon, Bleckley County**

The cotton harvest stopped because of the rain, but growers hope to get in the fields before more rain sets in. Cattle farmers were trying to get small grains planted. Peanuts were close to being finished. Fall vegetables began to look better with the cooler weather, but it is too late for many of them as disease is too widespread. We will begin planting onions soon.

**Ross Greene, Evans County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/20/19**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	96	95	95	96
Cotton - Harvested .....	48	40	28	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	92	91	NA	NA
Oats - Planted .....	24	10	21	30
Peanuts - Dug .....	85	76	77	74
Peanuts - Harvested .....	72	60	61	57
Pecans - Harvested .....	16	12	10	13
Rye - Planted .....	22	15	20	32
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	89	82	90	NA
Soybeans - Harvested .....	40	33	31	31
Winter wheat - Planted ...	6	3	5	11

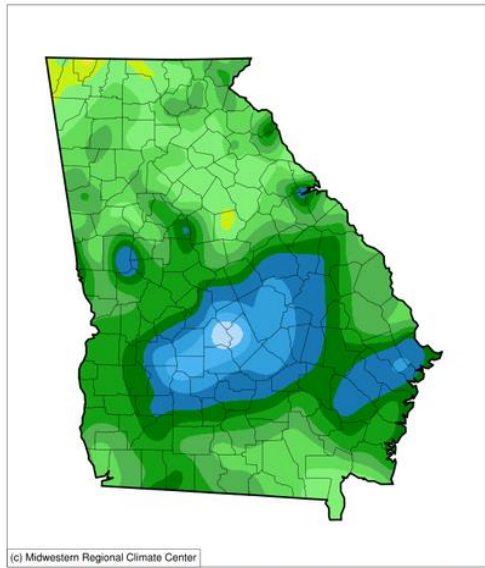
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/20/19**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	5	15	29	46	5
Cotton .....	4	14	31	43	8
Pasture and range .....	29	35	26	9	1
Pecans .....	2	20	21	48	9
Soybeans .....	11	22	34	30	3

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/20/19**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	24	67
Short .....	30	26
Adequate .....	44	7
Surplus .....	2	0
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)
Very short .....	36	61
Short .....	37	29
Adequate .....	27	10
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



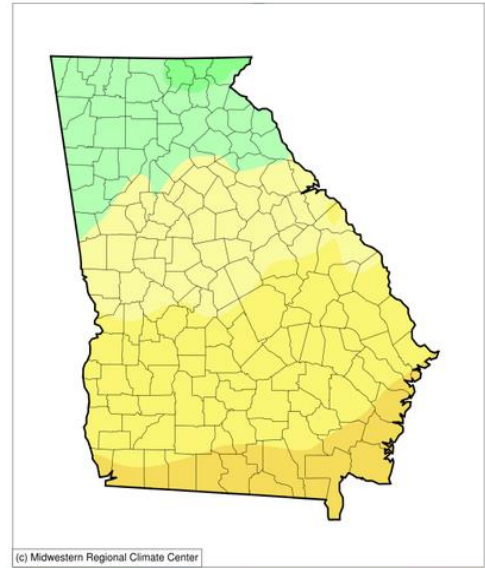
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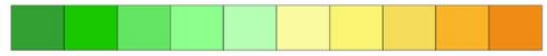
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

**October 15, 2019**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	97.96	84.37	16.12	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-08-2019	0.00	100.00	97.16	52.98	11.80	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-16-2019	71.78	28.22	5.37	0.20	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> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-16-2018	76.18	23.82	3.58	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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