



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Georgia Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

July 20, 2020

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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, July 19, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.67 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 70s.

Crops

Weather continued to be hot and mostly dry throughout the state. Although there were some spotty thunderstorms, irrigation was running in most areas where available. Producers expressed concerns on how the dry conditions coupled with high temperatures will affect their crops. Corn producers in the central portion of the state reported spotting Southern Rust in a number of fields. Most of the crop is past the point where disease would have profound impact on condition, but any late planted corn may need to be sprayed with additional fungicides. Growers were wrapping up planting of soybeans behind wheat. Cotton and peanuts continued thriving. Several producers made a second hay cutting with some beginning third cutting. Pecan growers in the southeastern part of the state reported trees that were loaded down with a heavy crop, and some are considering fruit thinning in order to keep the trees from going into an alternate bearing cycle. Snails were found on young pecan trees but are harmless to the crop. Producers in the southern portion of the state expressed some concern over fungal disease in vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Overall, livestock remained in generally good condition. Decreased rainfall and high temperatures caused stress to pastures, hayfields, and forage crops.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	50	21	34	49
Cotton - Squaring	87	79	88	87
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	56	34	49	50
Hay - 2nd Cutting	74	75	85	72
Peaches - Harvested.....	86	86	91	83
Peanuts - Pegging.....	89	82	88	86
Soybeans - Blooming	52	43	60	55
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	17	7	27	24
Tobacco - Harvested.....	26	15	23	25

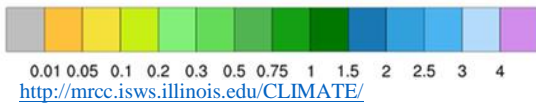
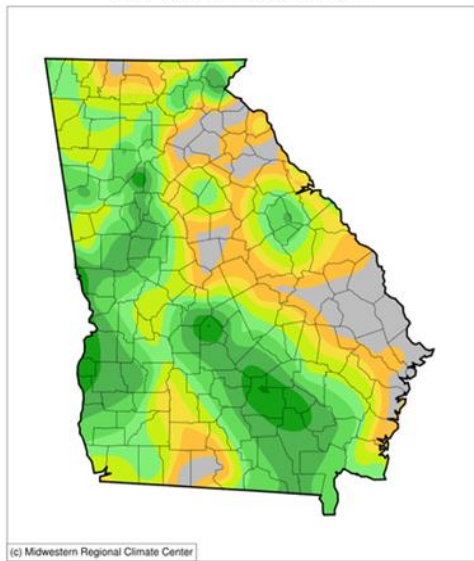
Conditions for Week Ending 07/19/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	27	58	9
Corn	1	4	19	63	13
Cotton	1	3	21	61	14
Pasture and range..	3	8	31	52	6
Peanuts.....	1	4	24	58	13
Soybeans.....	1	2	27	63	7
Tobacco.....	0	4	31	62	3

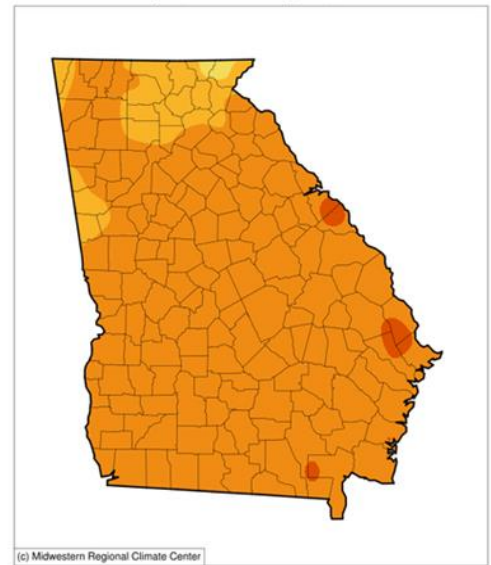
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/19/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	8
Short	28	50
Adequate.....	63	42
Surplus.....	6	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	6
Short	19	40
Adequate.....	74	51
Surplus.....	4	3

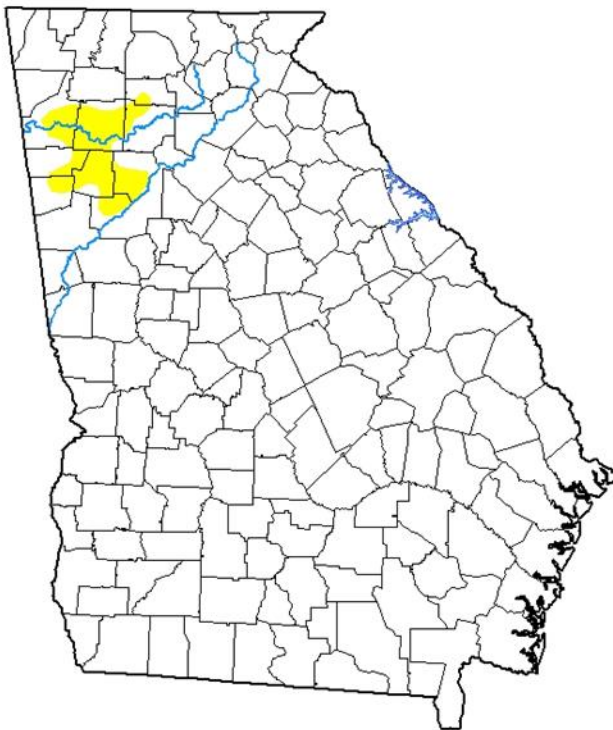
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
July 13, 2020 to July 19, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



July 14, 2020

(Released Thursday, Jul. 16, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.56	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-07-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-14-2020	87.69	12.31	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
One Year Ago 07-16-2019	71.78	28.22	5.37	0.20	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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