



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.

August 17, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 16, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 6.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s

**Crops**

Much of the state received at least some rainfall, which benefitted row crops. Some producers in the southern part of the state however, expressed concerns that the increased rainfall, paired with high temperatures, could result in increased disease pressures. White mold, foliage feeders, and target spot were reported by peanut and cotton producers in the central part of the state. Fall armyworms and bermudagrass stem maggots continued creating problems for producers in the western and central parts of the state. Corn harvesting activities continued throughout the state. Some corn harvesting in the southeastern part of the state was delayed by recent rain events. Cotton growers reported the crop to be in good condition thus far. Dryland peanut producers throughout much of the southern part of the state expressed a need for more rain to improve crop conditions. Grain sorghum harvesting was expected to begin soon. Some pecan growers in the central part of the state reported a good nut crop at this point in the season.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Livestock producers expressed hope that the recent rainfalls would begin to improve grazing conditions soon. Some producers reported heavy fly infestations on the cattle.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/16/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	89	79	88	91
Corn - Harvested .....	44	17	31	41
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	93	84	92	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	18	2	7	10
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	NA	NA	21	NA
Peanuts - Pegging.....	100	98	99	100
Soybeans - Blooming .....	90	87	92	90
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	71	66	75	70
Tobacco - Harvested .....	59	55	67	66

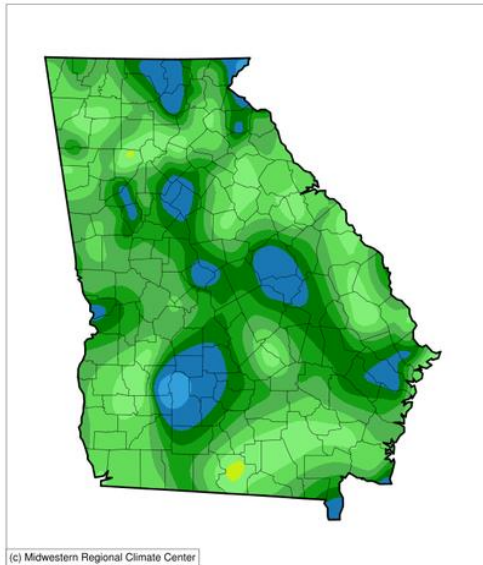
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/16/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	27	59	8
Corn .....	1	5	19	61	14
Cotton .....	1	5	20	60	14
Pasture and range..	4	8	34	46	8
Peanuts.....	1	5	20	58	16
Pecans.....	0	3	19	50	28
Soybeans.....	3	6	28	55	8

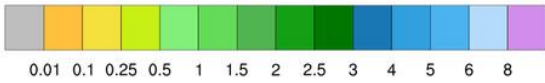
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/16/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	8
Short .....	45	36
Adequate.....	44	54
Surplus.....	1	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	8
Short .....	44	40
Adequate.....	44	51
Surplus.....	1	1

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020

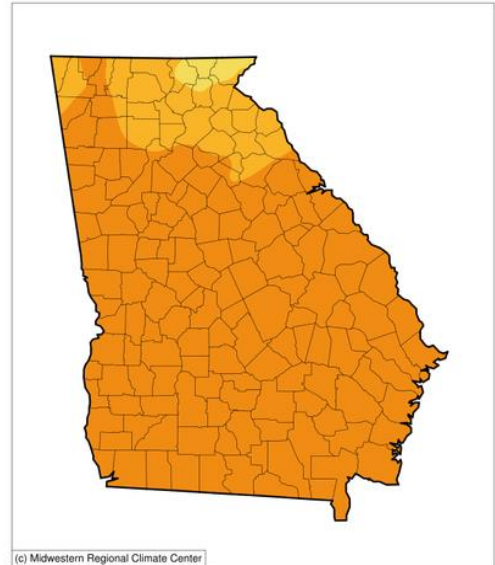


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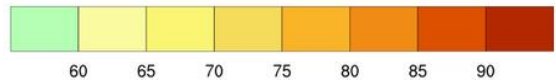


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020

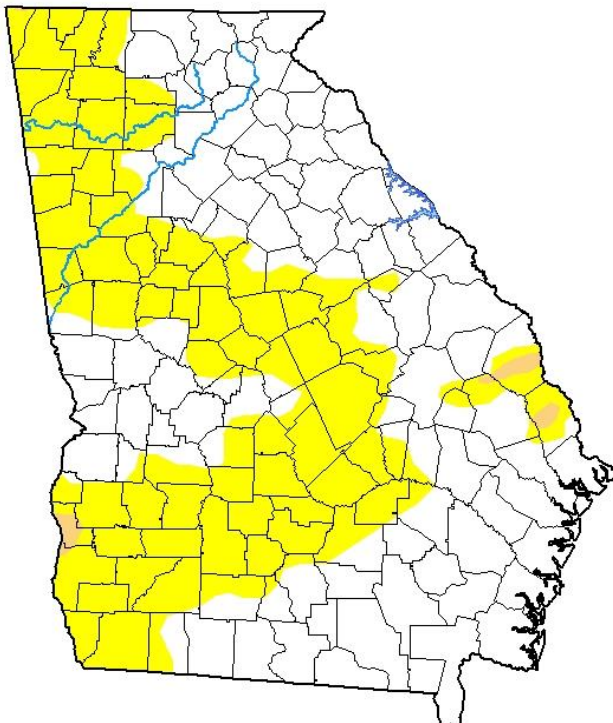


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**August 11, 2020**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.89	43.11	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-04-2020	44.95	55.05	2.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-12-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	96.00	4.00	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> 08-13-2019	55.34	44.66	8.51	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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