



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.

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 23, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the mid 70s.

**Crops**

Much of the state received rainfall, which proved beneficial to areas that had been dry previously. Some hay producers reported delays in harvesting due to the wet weather but many growers expressed concern regarding declining hay quality due to fields that were unable to be cut and continued maturing. A storm event in the northern part of the state blew over some corn. Corn harvesting continued for grain and silage across the state. Cotton, peanut, and soybean growers throughout the state reported their intentions to spray the crops soon, due to increased disease and pest pressures. Whiteflies were spotted on cotton and peanuts in different parts of the state, and burrower bugs were found in irrigated peanuts in the central part of the state. Irrigated peanuts in southern Georgia looked good, but dryland acres have not fared as well recently. The pecan crop continued to look good. Grape harvesting activities were reported in the northern part of the state.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Recent rain events have negatively affected forage quality in the northeastern part of the state, but improved pasture conditions in the southern part of the state. Cattle producers in the central part of the state reported treating for flies, which had become a problem. Some cattle were also dealing with respiratory issues.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/23/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	94	88	93	95
Corn - Harvested .....	60	31	47	58
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	96	92	95	96
Cotton - Bolls Opening ....	28	7	14	18
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	29	21	39	19
Soybeans - Blooming .....	93	92	95	94
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	79	75	82	78
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves .....	1	NA	2	2
Tobacco - Harvested .....	65	67	75	73

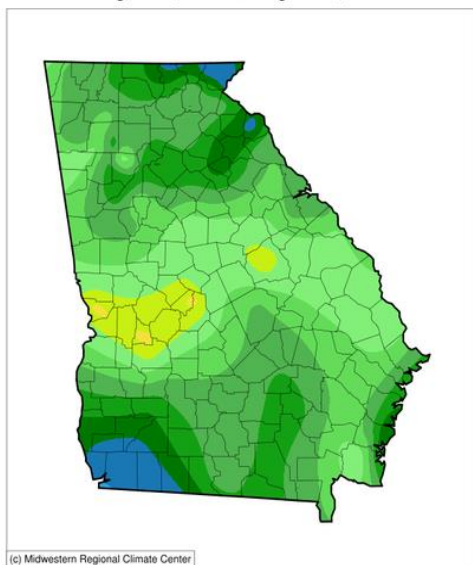
**Conditions for Week Ending 08/23/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	5	26	61	7
Corn .....	1	4	21	61	13
Cotton .....	1	6	20	59	14
Pasture and range..	4	8	29	50	9
Peanuts.....	1	5	20	56	18
Pecans .....	0	1	13	55	31
Soybeans .....	3	5	26	57	9

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/23/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	4
Short .....	36	17
Adequate.....	54	62
Surplus.....	2	17
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	4
Short .....	40	23
Adequate.....	51	59
Surplus.....	1	14

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020



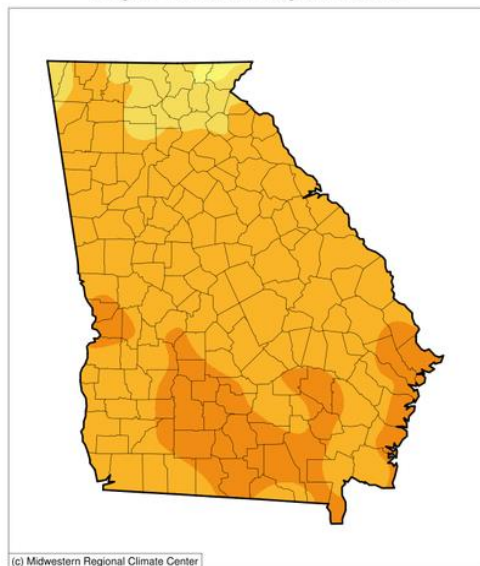
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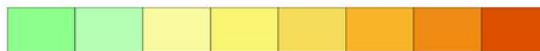
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020



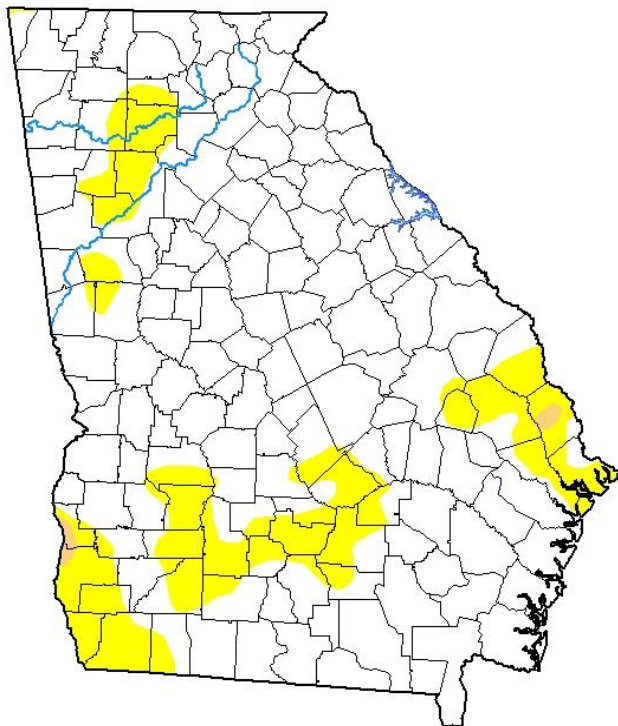
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**August 18, 2020**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	82.83	17.17	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-11-2020</i>	56.89	43.11	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-19-2020</i>	97.58	2.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2019</i>	96.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2019</i>	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-20-2019</i>	63.12	36.88	3.84	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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