



United States Department of Agriculture
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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 31, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 30, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 80s.

Crops

Hay cutting activities continued throughout the state, but frequent rain events prevented some producers from harvesting. Corn harvest continued with some growers in southern Georgia nearing completion while multiple corn farmers reported that the recent increase in rain, paired with high humidity, slowed the drying down of corn. Cotton, peanut, and soybean growth progressed well throughout most of the state; however, many producers reported ongoing battles with whiteflies and boll rot in cotton, and white mold in peanuts. Many producers were applying fungicide and pesticide treatments where the weather allowed. Pecan trees in the central part of the state were loaded with nuts. Glomerella negatively affected apple crops in northern Georgia.

Livestock and Pastures

Forages throughout much of the state improved recently. Livestock producers in northern Georgia reported routine care of cattle, including the start of fall calving. Flies continued to pester cattle in the central part of the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	97	93	97	98
Corn - Harvested	76	47	61	75
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	99	95	98	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening	39	14	23	30
Hay - 3rd Cutting	45	39	50	36
Peanuts - Dug	1	NA	1	1
Soybeans - Setting Pods .	84	82	92	85
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	8	2	8	8
Tobacco - Harvested	76	75	81	81

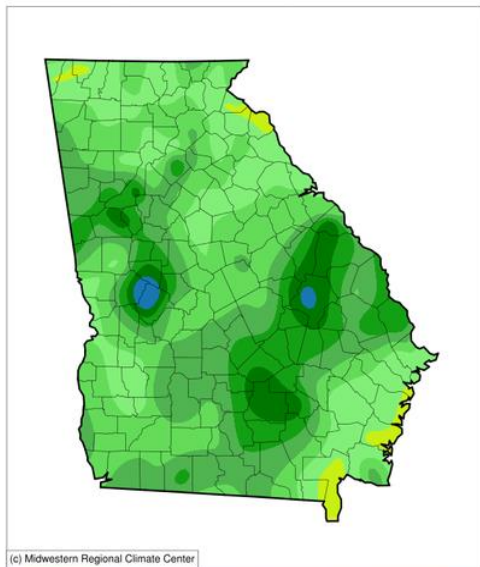
Conditions for Week Ending 08/30/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	6	26	59	8
Corn	2	5	23	53	17
Cotton	1	5	22	56	16
Pasture and range..	4	8	29	51	8
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	57	19
Pecans	0	1	11	55	33
Soybeans	3	5	25	58	9

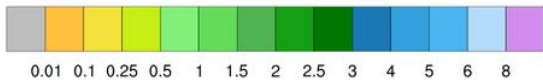
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/30/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3
Short	17	19
Adequate.....	62	73
Surplus.....	17	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3
Short	23	20
Adequate.....	59	74
Surplus.....	14	3

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020

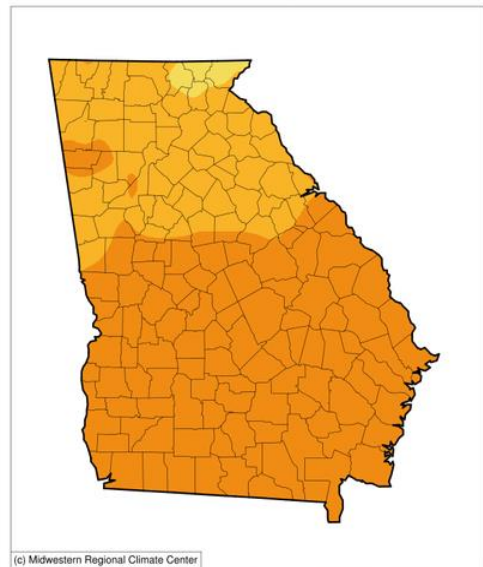


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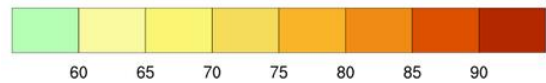


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Average Temperature (°F)
August 24, 2020 to August 30, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

August 25, 2020

(Released Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.26	2.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-18-2020	82.83	17.17	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-26-2020	97.58	2.42	0.00	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 08-27-2019	67.78	32.22	6.97	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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