



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 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 6, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

Crops

With little rain and dry conditions throughout the state, hay cutting continued with farmers moving to bale it. Corn harvesting continued and was nearly complete for some farmers across the state. A few growers reported that the high humidity slowed the drying down of corn. Cotton and peanuts continued to develop, but many farmers expressed concerned over white mold and boll rot. Dryland crops were also beginning to suffer after several weeks of high temperatures. Some soybean growers reported spraying pesticides and noted that unsprayed fields had an increase in caterpillars. Pecan trees in the central part of the state were loaded with nuts. Vineyard harvesting activities were reported in the northern part of the state.

Livestock and Pastures

Forages were in mostly good condition throughout much of the state; however, there were some reports of fall armyworms in pastures in northern Georgia. Fall calving was underway.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	87	61	74	86
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	100	98	99	100
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	54	23	35	46
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	59	50	67	53
Peanuts - Dug.....	4	1	2	4
Peanuts - Harvested.....	1	NA	0	1
Soybeans - Setting Pods..	89	92	95	91
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves.....	17	8	18	17
Tobacco - Harvested.....	86	81	87	87

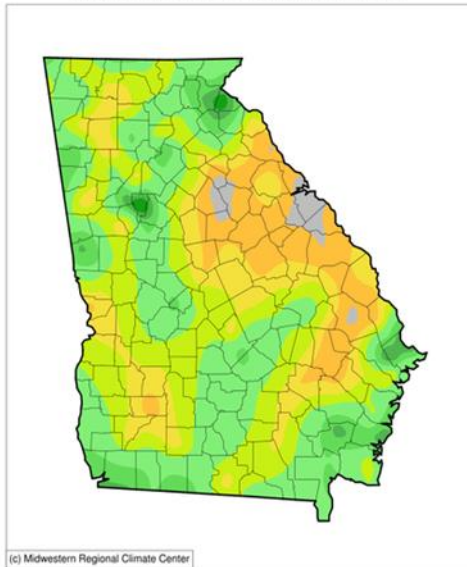
Conditions for Week Ending 09/06/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	6	26	59	8
Cotton.....	1	5	20	58	16
Pasture and range..	2	6	29	54	9
Peanuts.....	1	5	20	57	17
Pecans.....	0	2	13	55	30
Soybeans.....	1	5	27	58	9

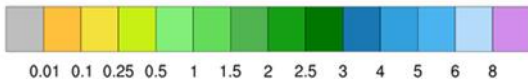
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/06/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	7
Short.....	19	37
Adequate.....	73	54
Surplus.....	5	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	7
Short.....	20	32
Adequate.....	74	59
Surplus.....	3	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020

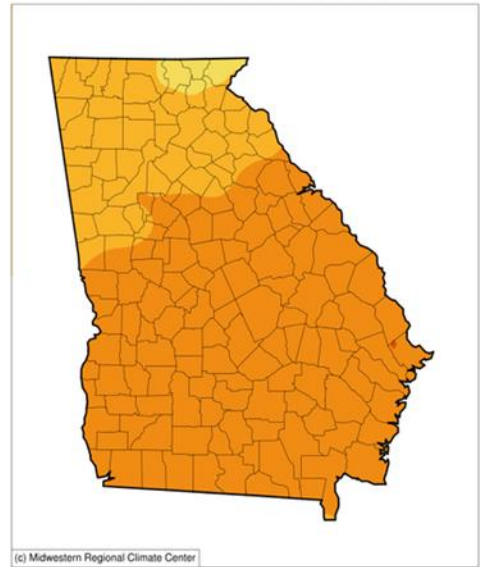


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Average Temperature (°F)
August 31, 2020 to September 06, 2020



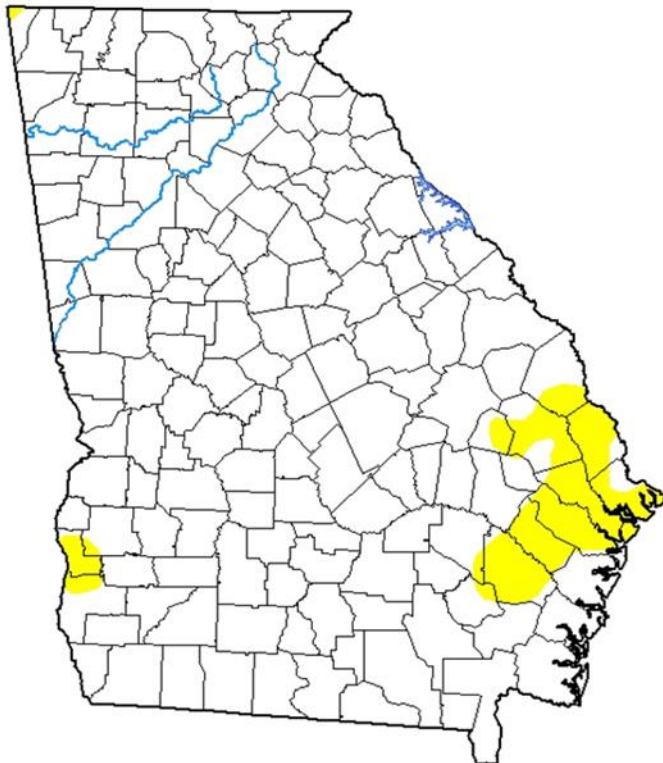
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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 1, 2020
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	93.42	6.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-25-2020	97.26	2.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-02-2020	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 09-03-2019	72.08	27.92	7.27	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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