



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 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 20, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches of rain to 9.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 50s to the mid 70s.

Crops

For the most part, Hurricane Sally brought ample rainfall to the southeast and middle portions of Georgia, but most fields were spared strong winds. Dry soil quickly soaked up much of the moisture. Corn harvesting continued and looks to be finished in the next couple of weeks. Many farmers across the state reported that cotton was ready to be defoliated when conditions permit. Peanuts continued to develop with farmers looking to harvest within the next week. Farmers in the central and southern part of the state reported that rains from Hurricane Sally helped soften the ground ahead of peanut harvest. Hay was not harvested in the central part of the state due to rains from the remains of Hurricane Sally. Even with wet conditions, some farmers noted that Fall Army Worms continued to eat hay and grazing forages. Winds with Hurricane Sally were reported to be benign, other than breaking some pecan tree limbs which are loaded this time of year.

Livestock and Pastures

Forages were in mostly good condition throughout much of the state; however, some farmers noted foxtail in pastures. Flies have lessened on cattle.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 09/20/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested	94	84	90	95
Cotton - Bolls Opening	78	52	64	74
Cotton - Harvested	8	0	1	4
Hay - 3rd Cutting	80	77	82	76
Peanuts - Dug	24	5	9	19
Peanuts - Harvested.....	11	2	4	9
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	43	27	40	41
Soybeans - Harvested.....	2	NA	2	2
Tobacco - Harvested	96	93	95	96

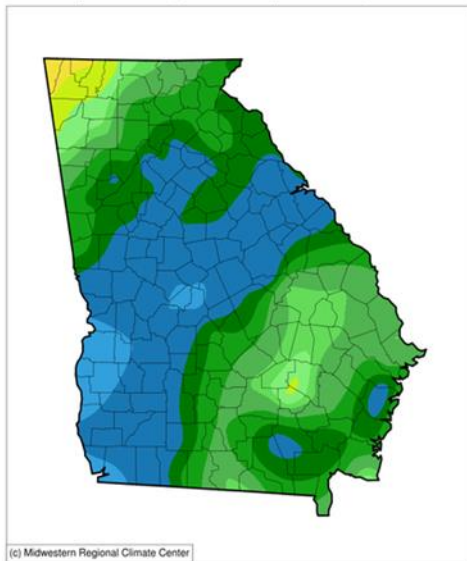
Conditions for Week Ending 09/20/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	24	60	10
Cotton	2	6	22	57	13
Pasture and range..	2	8	28	54	8
Peanuts.....	1	7	18	57	17
Pecans.....	0	1	11	56	32
Soybeans.....	2	6	26	58	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 09/20/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	2
Short	34	10
Adequate.....	56	58
Surplus.....	3	30
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	3
Short	30	10
Adequate.....	61	68
Surplus.....	2	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 14, 2020 to September 20, 2020



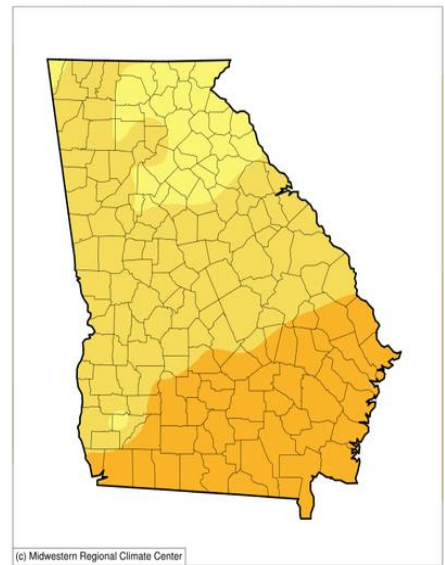
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Average Temperature (°F)
September 14, 2020 to September 20, 2020



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U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

September 15, 2020

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	89.50	10.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-08-2020	84.71	15.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-16-2020	100.00	0.00	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 09-17-2019	35.09	64.91	22.42	1.33	0.00	0.00

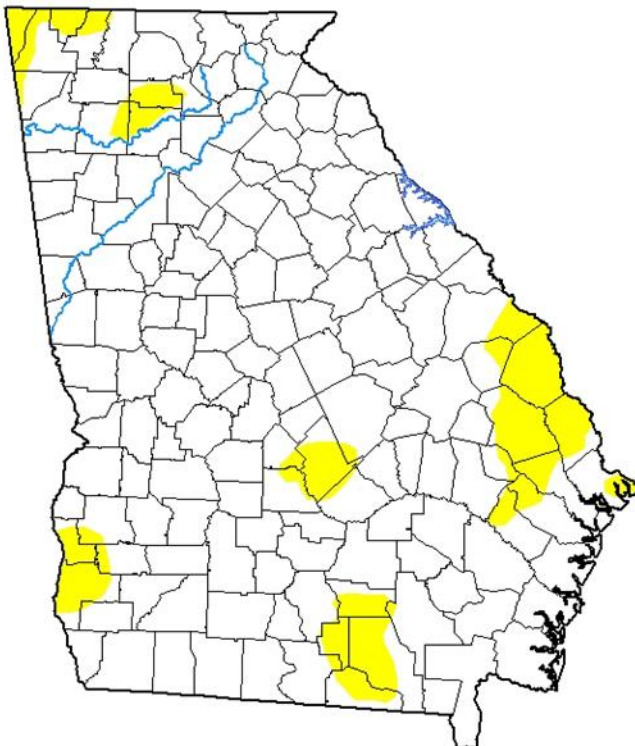
Intensity:

- 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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