



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.

October 5, 2020

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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, October 4, 2020. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts of rain to 4.9 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

**Crops**

Cool, dry weather across most of the state allowed many farmers to finish harvesting corn, get peanuts dug and harvested, and apply defoliant to cotton. Growers in the northern part of the state continued harvesting corn and began harvesting soybeans. Growers in southern Georgia expressed concerns about an increase in peanut leaf spot and cotton boll rot. Many peanut producers, who were already behind their normal harvesting schedule, hoped to harvest as much as possible before more wet and cold weather comes. Hay cutting was wrapping up across most of the state. Pecan growers in the southeastern part of the state reported harvesting early varieties.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle producers across much of the state continued preparing for fall and winter forage planting. Some producers reported seasonal pasture decline. Flies were still on some cattle, but not enough to require treatment.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/04/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	99	94	95	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening....	91	74	81	89
Cotton - Harvested.....	25	4	8	15
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	88	88	91	88
Oats - Planted.....	4	1	12	10
Peanuts - Dug.....	57	16	26	47
Peanuts - Harvested.....	41	8	13	31
Pecans - Harvested.....	1	NA	1	3
Rye - Planted.....	11	2	9	12
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves.....	70	54	64	61
Soybeans - Harvested.....	20	7	12	17
Winter wheat - Planted....	1	NA	1	3

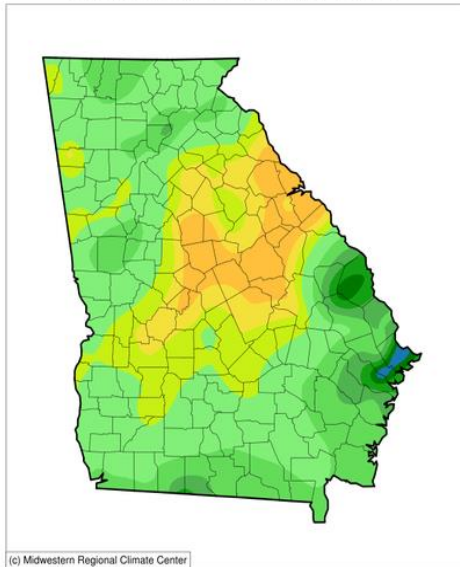
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/04/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	23	63	9
Cotton.....	3	10	31	48	8
Pasture and range..	2	7	28	55	8
Peanuts.....	1	7	28	52	12
Pecans.....	0	3	17	53	27
Soybeans.....	2	6	26	60	6

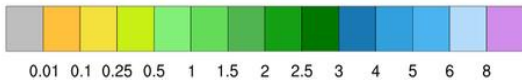
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/04/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1
Short.....	7	8
Adequate.....	64	75
Surplus.....	28	16
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1
Short.....	10	9
Adequate.....	69	78
Surplus.....	19	12

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020

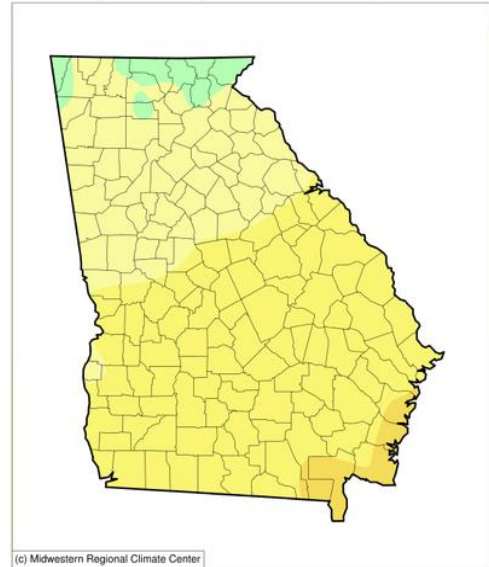


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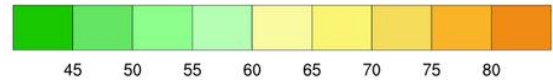


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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020

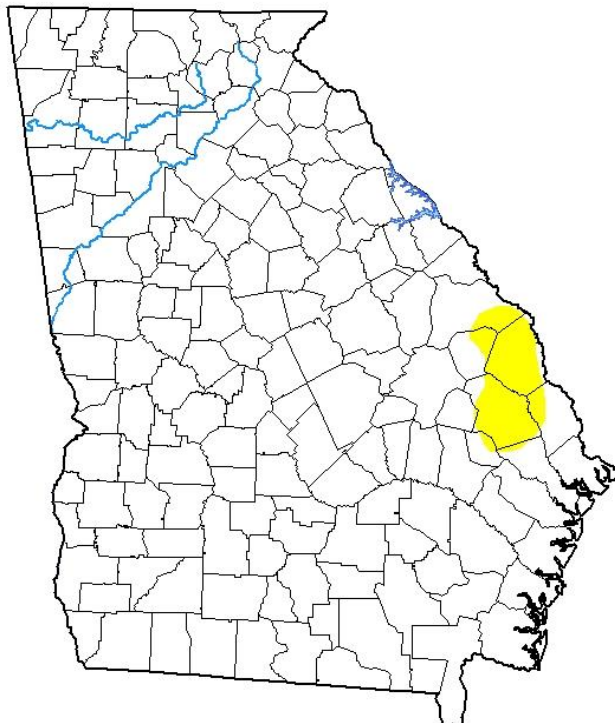


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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**September 29, 2020**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-22-2020	95.73	4.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-30-2020	99.28	0.72	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> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	61.58	28.35	4.49	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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