



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 19, 2020

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 18, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.5 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the high 60s.

**Crops**

A dry week created ideal conditions for farmers to harvest a variety of crops. Cotton was defoliated and picked in the central and southern parts of the state. Some farmers reported boll rot in the early cotton crop, but the later planted cotton looked better. Peanut digging and harvesting picked up very quickly with ideal conditions across the state. While harvest is lagging behind normal, farmers believed they could make up lost ground if the conditions remain the same over the next few weeks. Soybeans continued dropping leaves and harvest continued across the state. Pecan crop looked very promising this year.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle producers across much of the state continued preparing for fall and winter forage planting, but dry conditions affected planting. Annual ryegrass came up early in some pastures.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	96	87	90	95
Cotton - Harvested .....	46	13	19	32
Hay - 3rd Cutting .....	92	93	96	93
Oats - Planted .....	20	23	32	25
Peanuts - Dug .....	82	45	62	74
Peanuts - Harvested .....	69	27	42	57
Pecans - Harvested .....	15	7	16	12
Rye - Planted .....	20	17	24	26
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	87	74	84	85
Soybeans - Harvested .....	38	21	28	31
Winter wheat - Planted .....	5	9	13	8

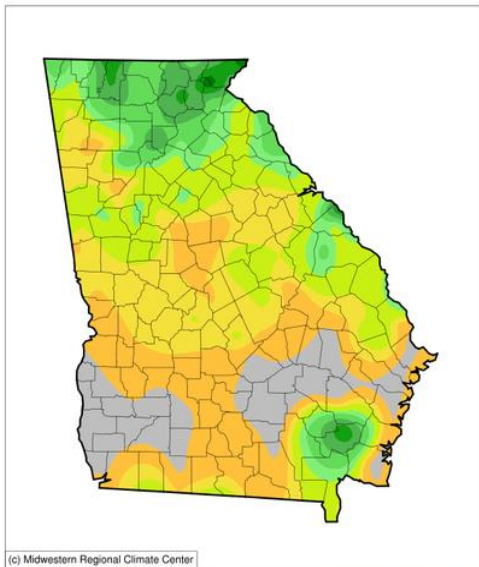
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	1	4	25	59	11
Cotton .....	2	14	26	50	8
Pasture and range ..	3	8	31	51	7
Peanuts .....	1	5	21	56	17
Pecans .....	0	2	14	55	29
Soybeans .....	3	6	26	58	7

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/18/20**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1
Short .....	13	33
Adequate .....	78	64
Surplus .....	8	2
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	2
Short .....	12	28
Adequate .....	81	67
Surplus .....	5	3

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020



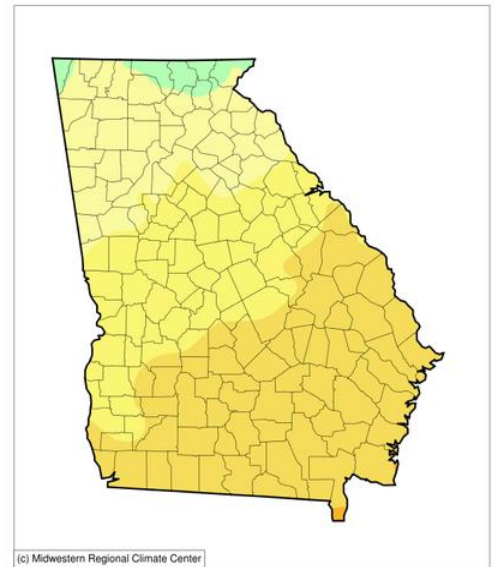
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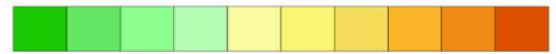
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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020



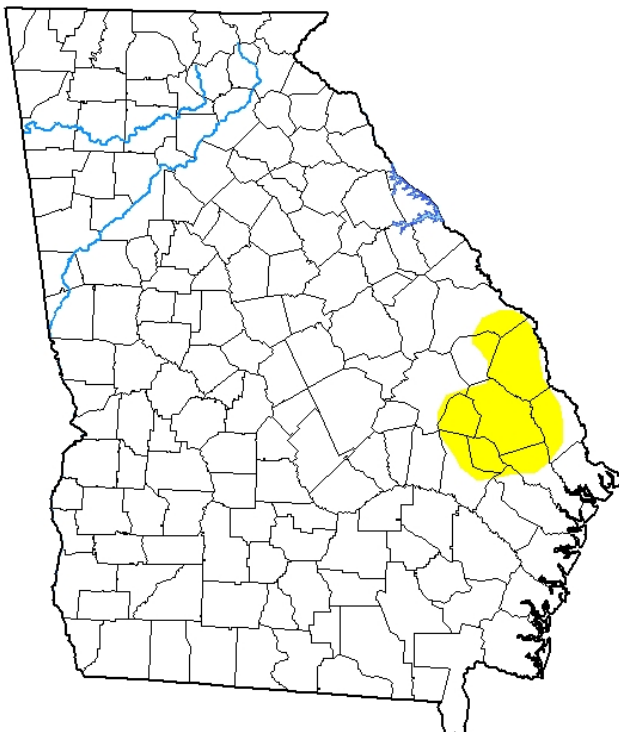
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**October 13, 2020**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	95.41	4.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-06-2020	95.41	4.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-14-2020	97.56	2.44	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> 09-29-2020	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-15-2019	0.00	100.00	97.96	84.37	16.12	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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