



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 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 0.8 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Most of Georgia saw little to no rainfall for another week as farmers braced for Hurricane Ian. The hurricane brought strong winds to the state, but fortunately most of the state appeared to have avoided any major damage. Much of the state missed out on any anticipated rainfall from the hurricane. Some areas have gone nearly three weeks without rainfall which has caused soils to dry down severely.

Ideal harvesting weather for corn early in the week allowed harvest to wrap up in most areas across the state. Cotton bolls continued to open as early planted fields were being harvested. Many growers rushed to harvest cotton before the anticipated bad weather from Hurricane Ian. Peanut fields continued to be dug and harvested, however the lack of topsoil moisture in many areas created digging problems for dryland peanuts. Hay producers were able to take advantage of dry field conditions for another week to finish third cuttings. Small grains were delayed from being planted due to dry soil conditions.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in good condition while pastures were in mostly fair condition throughout the state. Some hay was fed to livestock with pasture conditions waning due to lack of rain over the last three weeks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/02/22

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	93	93	96	97
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	75	74	81	82
Cotton - Harvested.....	4	3	9	11
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	85	78	85	87
Oats - Planted.....	6	1	8	6
Peanuts - Dug.....	29	25	46	39
Peanuts - Harvested.....	16	12	30	24
Rye - Planted.....	4	1	4	8
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	58	52	61	60
Soybeans - Harvested.....	13	10	19	14
Winter wheat - Planted.....	1	0	2	1

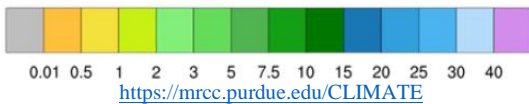
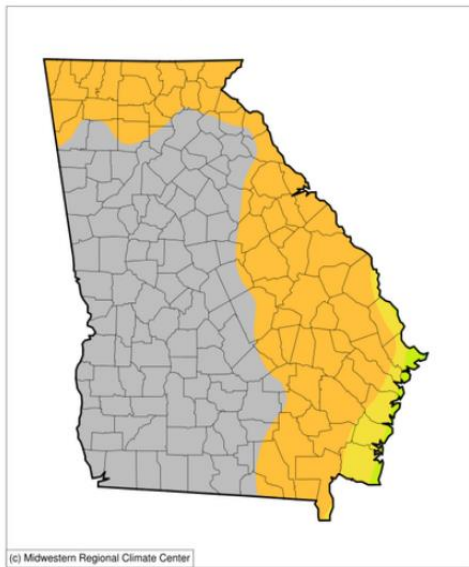
Conditions for Week Ending 10/02/22

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	22	63	10
Cotton.....	1	7	28	52	12
Pasture and range....	2	11	41	40	6
Peanuts.....	1	5	27	56	11
Pecans.....	0	2	17	69	12
Soybeans.....	3	4	27	56	10

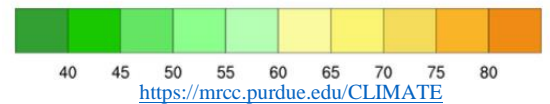
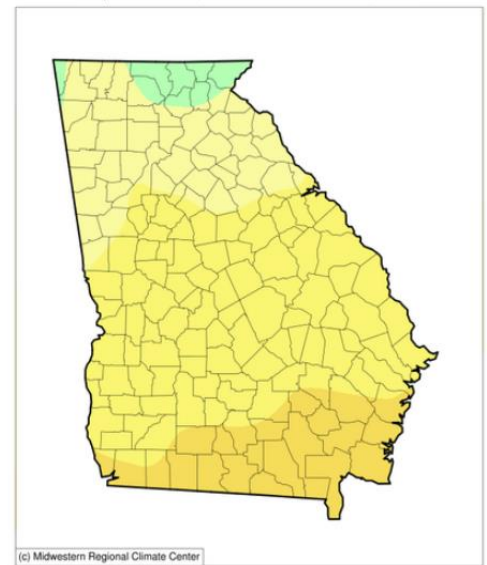
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/02/22

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	23
Short.....	38	44
Adequate.....	47	32
Surplus.....	5	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	14
Short.....	32	45
Adequate.....	59	40
Surplus.....	3	1

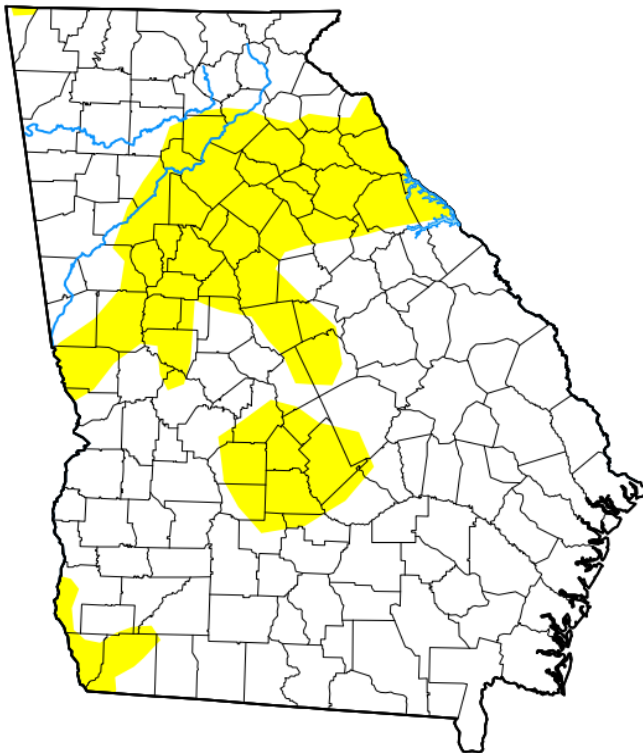
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 26, 2022 to October 02, 2022



Average Temperature (°F)
September 26, 2022 to October 02, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



September 27, 2022
(Released Thursday, Sep. 29, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-20-2022</i>	98.63	1.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-28-2022</i>	6.45	93.55	54.94	3.41	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2022</i>	97.01	2.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-28-2021</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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