



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 17, 2022

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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 16, 2022. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches to 3.1 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the high 50s.

**Crops**

Most of the state received much needed rain over the week which provided relief from extreme dry conditions. Many areas were in need of additional rain considering a large percentage of soil moisture levels remained short or very short. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 76 percent of the state was experiencing abnormally dry conditions and 20 percent was experiencing moderate drought conditions.

Cotton bolls continued to open, and fields were being harvested. Cooler temperatures were reported to be a concern for later planted cotton in central Georgia. Heavy rains in eastern Georgia caused some open bolls of cotton to string out severely. Peanut fields continued to be dug and harvested, progressing ahead of historical levels. The rainfall helped soften up the ground enough so dryland peanut fields could be dug. Soybeans continued to drop leaves and be harvested.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in good condition while pastures were in mostly fair condition throughout the state. Dry weather from the past month and temperatures cooling down slowed pasture growth. Many producers reported that they had to start feeding hay to cattle.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/16/22**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	86	87	92	92
Cotton - Harvested.....	14	19	27	25
Hay - 3rd Cutting.....	93	90	93	93
Oats - Planted.....	26	13	24	23
Peanuts - Dug.....	54	64	74	67
Peanuts - Harvested.....	35	47	59	50
Pecans - Harvested.....	8	3	11	11
Rye - Planted.....	19	10	18	21
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves..	80	72	80	82
Soybeans - Harvested.....	21	25	34	28
Winter wheat – Planted.....	10	7	12	8

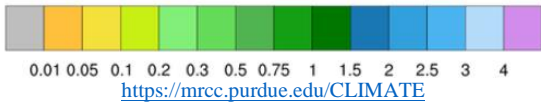
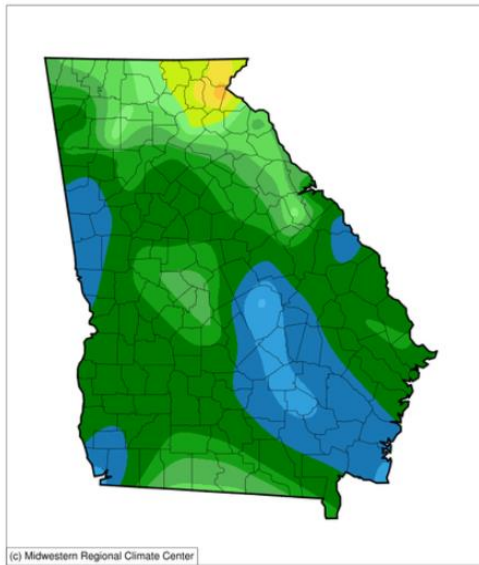
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/16/22**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	25	61	8
Cotton.....	1	6	27	55	11
Pasture and range ....	5	18	42	32	3
Peanuts.....	1	7	32	51	9
Pecans.....	1	2	19	65	13
Soybeans.....	1	6	30	57	6

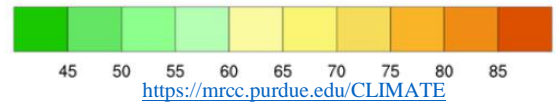
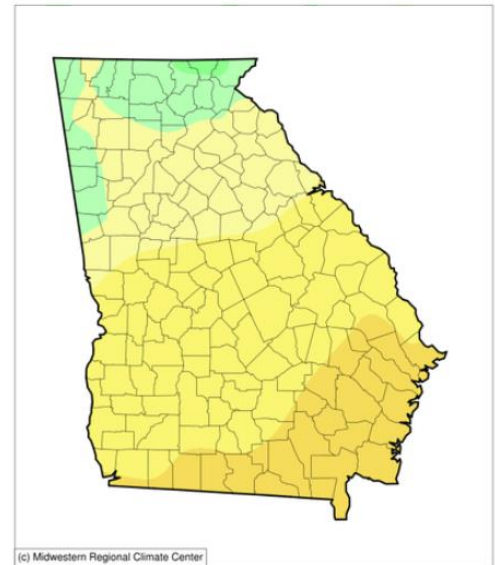
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/16/22**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	33	22
Short.....	45	36
Adequate.....	22	39
Surplus.....	0	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	27	18
Short.....	42	34
Adequate.....	31	46
Surplus.....	0	2

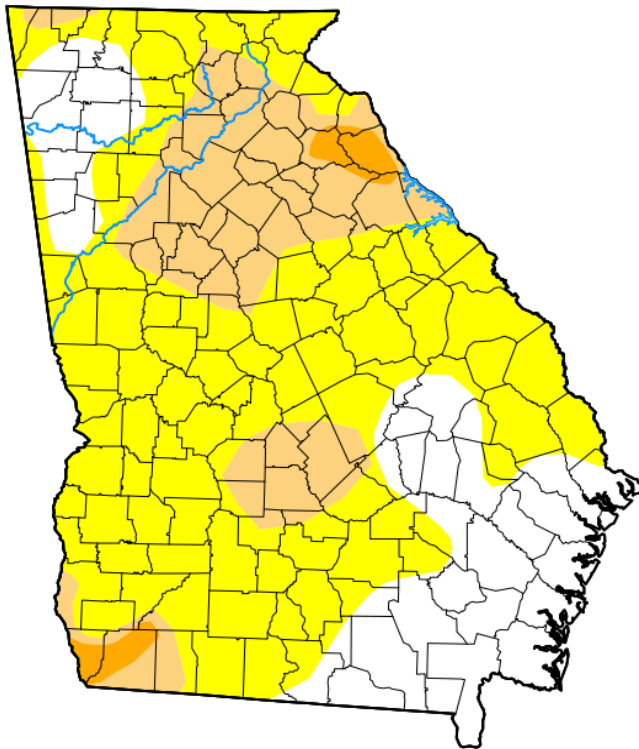
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 10, 2022 to October 16, 2022



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**October 11, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	23.85	76.15	20.98	1.93	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-04-2022</i>	70.82	29.18	2.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-12-2022</i>	22.13	77.87	28.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	97.01	2.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2022</i>	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-12-2021</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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