



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 31, 2022

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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 30, 2022. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the mid 50s.

**Crops**

Scattered showers helped alleviate dry conditions in some parts of the state, although many areas were still dealing with inadequate soil moisture levels. The dry conditions created ideal conditions for harvesting cotton, peanuts, soybeans, and pecans however it also made planting winter forages and grains very difficult. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 36 percent of the state was experiencing moderate drought conditions and 16 percent was experiencing severe drought conditions.

Cotton bolls opening was nearing completion as fields continued to be harvested. Frost damage on unopened bolls was reported to be an issue in central and eastern Georgia. Peanut fields continued to be dug and harvested, although cool temperatures slowed peanut maturity. Soybeans continued to drop leaves as harvest continued. Soybeans in northeast Georgia reported to have suffered damage due to deer.

**Livestock and Pastures**

Cattle remained in good condition while pastures were in fair condition throughout the state. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate due to the dry weather and cooling temperatures. Some livestock producers were planting winter forage crops and many continued feeding hay due to poor quality grazing.

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/30/22**

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	93	94	96	96
Cotton - Harvested.....	32	37	47	44
Oats - Planted.....	43	32	38	43
Peanuts - Dug.....	84	84	92	88
Peanuts - Harvested.....	67	72	83	74
Pecans - Harvested.....	23	19	28	25
Rye - Planted.....	33	26	35	38
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves..	92	88	93	94
Soybeans - Harvested.....	39	41	51	46
Winter wheat - Planted.....	20	15	18	18
Winter wheat - Emerged.....	3	NA	3	2

(NA) Not available.

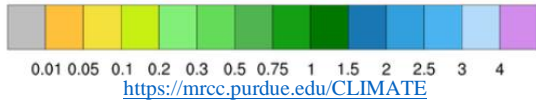
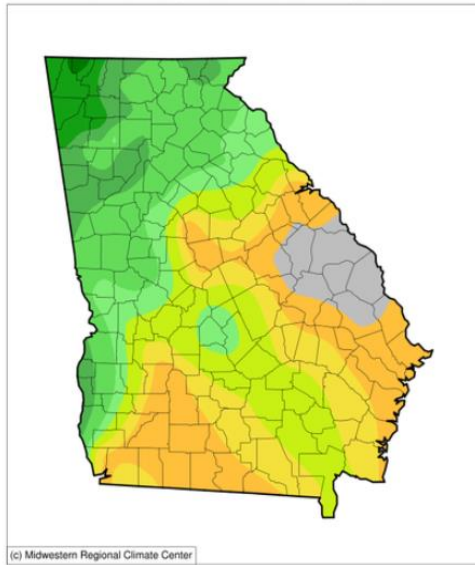
**Conditions for Week Ending 10/30/22**

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	4	23	64	8
Cotton.....	1	6	25	58	10
Pasture and range ....	6	23	42	25	4
Pecans.....	0	3	22	61	14
Soybeans.....	3	7	27	57	6

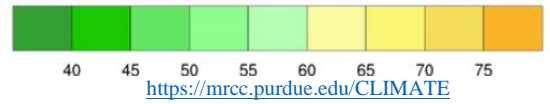
**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/30/22**

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	19
Short.....	45	51
Adequate.....	34	29
Surplus.....	1	1
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	13
Short.....	43	48
Adequate.....	40	38
Surplus.....	1	1

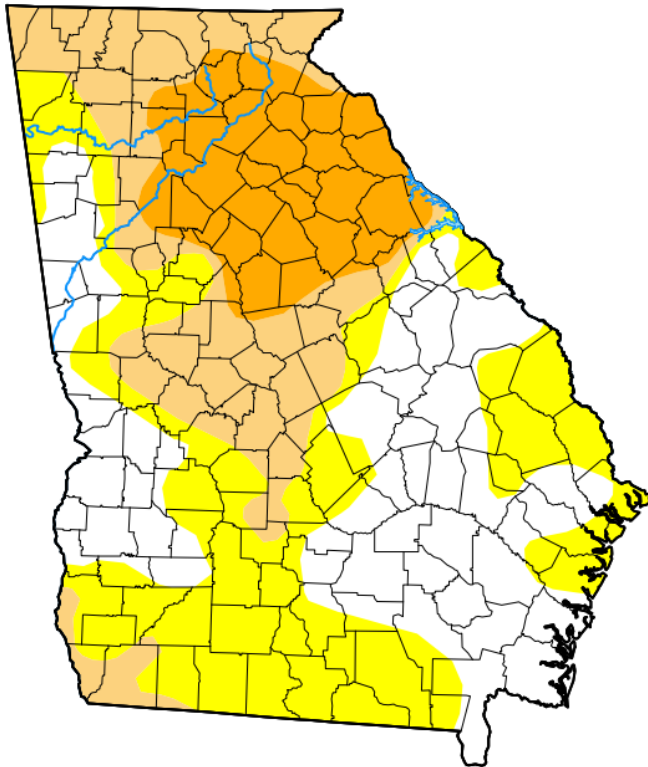
**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 24, 2022 to October 30, 2022



**Average Temperature (°F)**  
October 24, 2022 to October 30, 2022



## U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



**October 25, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	32.03	67.97	35.98	15.67	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-18-2022</i>	36.70	63.30	22.79	5.72	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-26-2022</i>	56.44	43.56	0.39	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>10-26-2021</i>	85.30	14.70	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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