Georgia Crop Progress and Condition Report

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.

July 31, 2023

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 30, 2023. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 3.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

Crops

There were varying degrees of rainfall across the state with northern and western Georgia seeing little to none, while eastern and southern Georgia saw decent amounts of rain. Corn was reaching black layer in many of the earliest fields as harvest activities began. Rains over the week helped to finish off the crop as yield potential was noted to look very promising for early corn. Cotton continued squaring and setting bolls and soybeans were blooming and setting pods. Peanuts were pegging as growers applied fungicides and herbicides. All three of cotton, soybeans and peanuts remained in peak moisture demand. Producers made good progress on their second cuttings of hay during the week. Some hayfields in central Georgia were noted to have been sprayed for bermudagrass stem borers. Grain sorghum was beginning to be harvested in some of the earlier fields with yield potential noted to be good.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in good to fair condition throughout the state. High temperatures were a concern for livestock producers as they needed to make sure adequate water and shading were supplied so that livestock didn't overheat.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 07/30/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature	58	33	46	60
Corn - Harvested	5	NA	3	4
Cotton - Squaring	93	88	93	94
Cotton - Setting Bolls..........	63	45	57	66
Hay - 2nd Cutting	77	68	80	84
Peaches - Harvested..........	93	78	82	90
Peanuts - Pegging..............	95	87	92	95
Soybeans - Blooming	79	63	71	74
Soybeans - Setting Pods....	50	33	44	44
Tobacco - Topped	97	85	95	96
Tobacco - Harvested..........	34	34	47	38

(NA) Not available.

Conditions for Week Ending 07/30/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	1	5	23	59	12
Corn...........................	1	3	19	61	16
Cotton........................	0	5	24	61	10
Pasture and range.....	2	9	35	47	7
Peanuts	0	4	20	66	10
Soybeans	1	2	24	66	7
Tobacco.....................	0	4	46	50	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 07/30/23

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short...	9	6
Short...	34	28
Adequate	55	63
Surplus	2	3
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short...	5	5
Short...	29	26
Adequate	63	67
Surplus	3	2

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023

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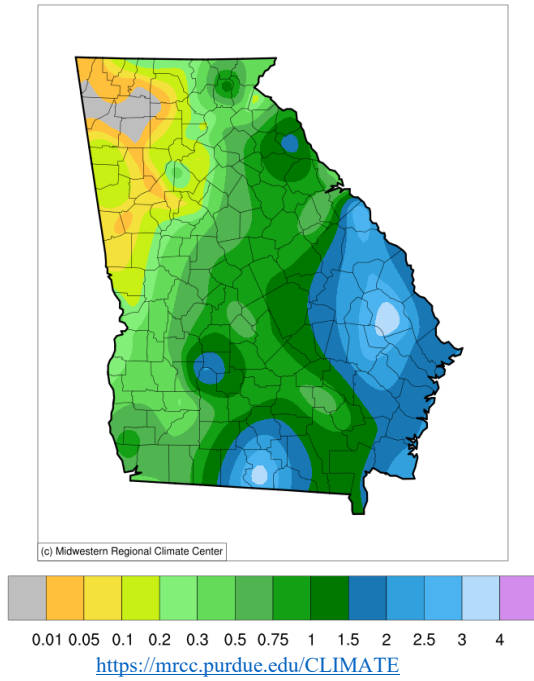
Average Temperature (°F)
July 24, 2023 to July 30, 2023

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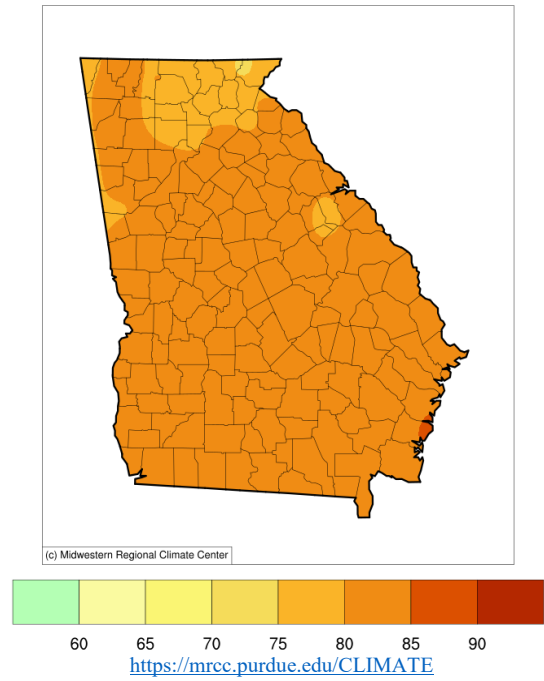
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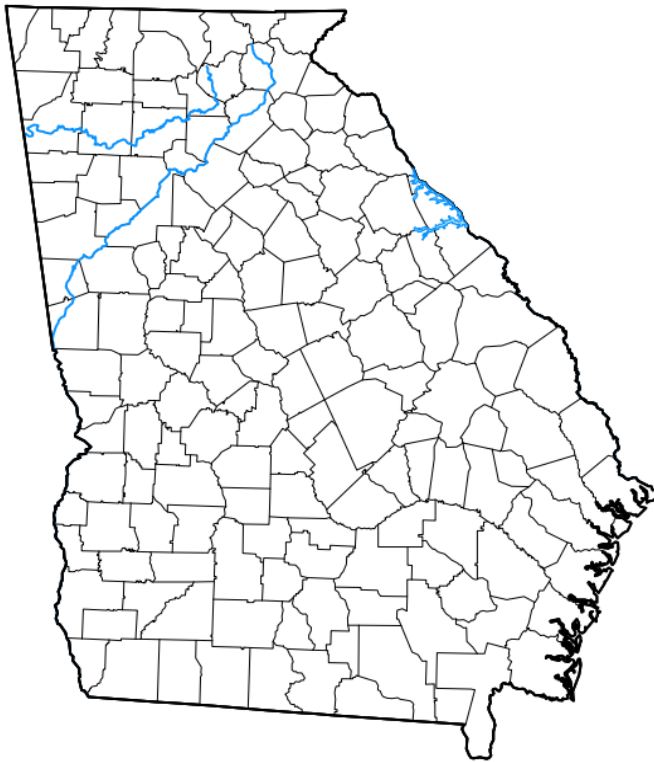
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-18-2023	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-25-2023	81.51	18.49	5.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-26-2022	56.44	43.56	0.39	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.
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