



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 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 6, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 4.4 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

Scattered showers across parts of Georgia helped maintain adequate soil moisture levels, although there were some areas in need of rain. Almost 10 percent of the state was dealing with abnormally dry conditions according to the US Drought Monitor. Corn fields continued to mature as more areas began harvesting. Yield potential for corn was noted to be some of the best in the past few years across both dryland and irrigated corn in southwest and central Georgia. Corn rust was noted to be an issue in southern Georgia. Cotton squaring was nearing completion as plants continued setting bolls and some just beginning to open. Reporters in several areas of the state noted optimism regarding this year’s yield potential for cotton. Peanut pegging neared completion, although tomato spotted wilt virus was noted to be an issue in central Georgia. Soybeans continued blooming and setting pods. Growers were spraying insecticides, fungicides and herbicides on cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Tobacco harvest continued to progress ahead of historical levels. Second cuttings of hay progressed as producers were scouting for armyworms. Relative forage quality was noted to be down on second cuttings in western Georgia.

Livestock and Pastures

Cattle and pastures were in good to fair condition throughout the state. High temperatures remained a concern for livestock producers.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/06/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	71	46	62	72
Corn - Harvested	14	3	13	14
Cotton - Squaring.....	97	93	96	97
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	74	57	72	77
Cotton - Bolls Opening.....	2	NA	1	2
Hay - 2nd Cutting.....	83	80	88	89
Peaches - Harvested	96	82	93	95
Peanuts - Pegging	98	92	96	98
Soybeans - Blooming.....	86	71	80	82
Soybeans - Setting Pods ...	59	44	54	55
Tobacco - Harvested	48	47	63	49

(NA) Not available.

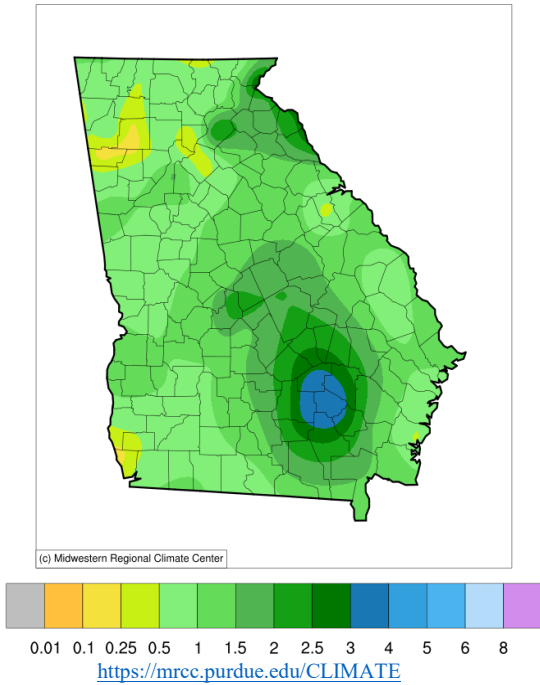
Conditions for Week Ending 08/06/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	1	5	26	55	13
Corn.....	2	4	20	62	12
Cotton.....	1	4	24	61	10
Pasture and range	2	9	33	49	7
Peanuts.....	1	5	18	65	11
Soybeans.....	2	3	26	61	8
Tobacco.....	2	5	44	47	2

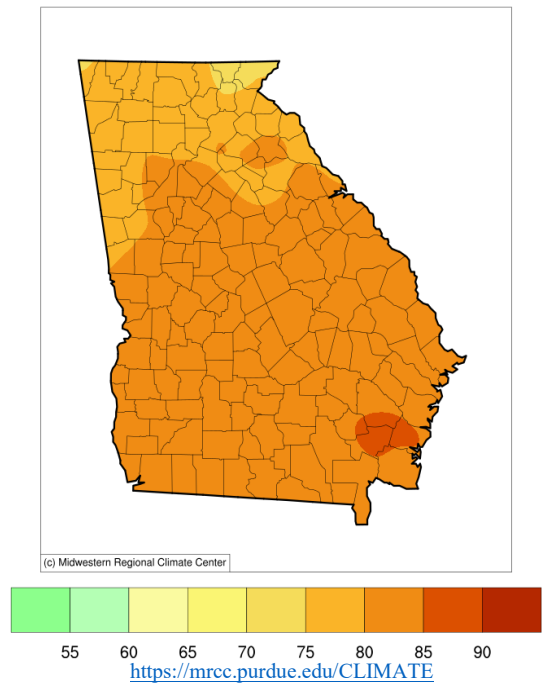
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/06/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	6	4
Short.....	28	24
Adequate.....	63	64
Surplus.....	3	8
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	5	2
Short.....	26	19
Adequate.....	67	74
Surplus.....	2	5

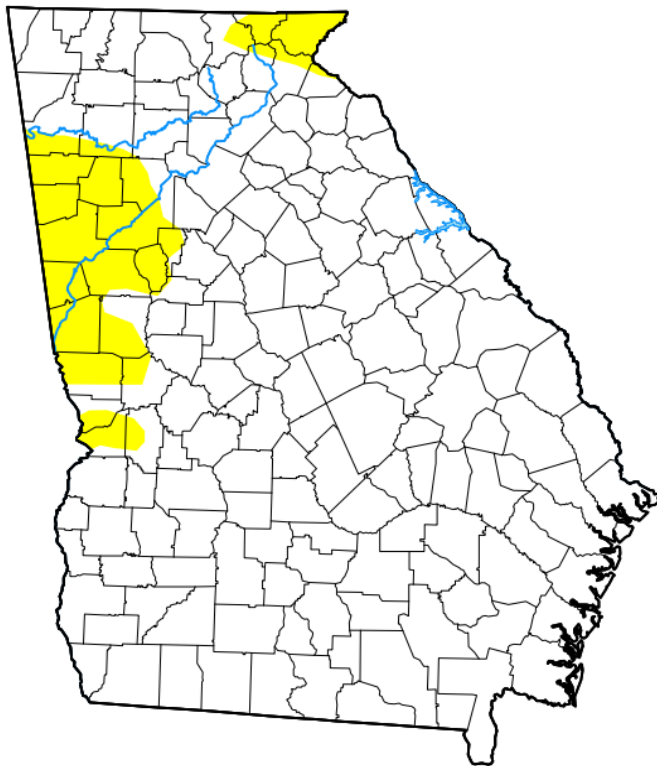
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



Average Temperature (°F)
July 31, 2023 to August 06, 2023



U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia



August 1, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.02	9.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-25-2023</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-02-2023</i>	83.20	16.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	46.36	53.64	28.04	4.81	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2022</i>	76.20	23.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-02-2022</i>	81.03	18.97	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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